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Earl Spencer walking among the flowers that carpet a shrubbery near his sister's island grave. He and his staff spent hours unwrapping and moving the flowers from the gates at Althorp

Palace denies royal dispute

By Alan Hamilton, Philip Webster and Daniel McGrory

BUCKINGHAM PALACE, Downing Street and Earl Spencer were united last night in angry denials of a report claiming a bitter dispute over the funeral arrangements for Diana, Princess of Wales.

Jon Snow had claimed on *Channel 4 News* that the Queen had stipulated that the Princess's body should not go to any of the royal palaces and that she should have a private, not a public funeral.

Her stance was said to have infuriated the Prince of Wales, who was reported to have sought the Prime Minister's help to overrule the Palace, resulting in the decision to allow the Princess's body to lie in the Chapel Royal at St James's Palace and to hold the funeral at Westminster Abbey.

Snow also claimed that the Prince had a blazing row with Sir Robert Fellowes, the Queen's private secretary — and his former wife's brother-in-law, suggesting at one point that he "impale himself on his own flagstaff".

The report further depicted the Prince of Wales, Earl Spencer and the Prime Minister as being lined up against the Palace, and appeared to reinforce the view that the Palace totally failed to read the public mood after the death of the Princess.

Earl Spencer was said to have been enraged by the suggestion that his sister should have a private funeral, a reaction that was said to have coloured subsequent relations with the Royal Family.

And the Prince of Wales was reported to have called the Prime Minister from the flight deck of the aircraft taking him to Paris to collect the Princess to ask him to intercede over the arrangements. Tony Blair was known to have favoured a substantial state occasion from the start.

But the Palace last night dismissed the report in all its aspects. A spokesman said: "We can categorically say that this story is rubbish, and pure mischief-making. It is simply untrue. The funeral arrangements were made with the close co-operation of the Royal and Spencer families: there was no such dispute."

Lord Spencer matched the Palace with an equally vehement denial. "To suggest that there divisions between royal officials and me in the period after my sister's death is so far from the truth as to be laughable. We were united in the aim of giving Diana a suitable funeral, and all arrangements up to and including the service were agreed amicably between the Lord Chamberlain's office and myself."

The Princess's brother added that arrangements for the funeral had gone very well. He dismissed as absolute rubbish another part of the television report suggesting disagreement over whether the Duke of Edinburgh should walk behind the coffin on the last stage of its journey to the abbey: "It is clear that the walk was going to be an ordeal for the boys, and that they would be more comfortable if their grandfather were there. They would feel reassured."

Downing Street joined the chorus of denial. A spokesman said: "It is factually wrong to say that the Prime Minister spoke to Prince Charles when the Prince was on the flight deck of his plane to Paris. No such conversation took place. It is also wholly wrong to say that Downing Street was involved in any inter-family negotiations. That simply did not happen."

The Palace did, however, confirm that Lord Spencer had firmly rejected any suggestion that his sister should have her royal title posthumously restored.

Within two hours of the funeral, in which the Earl said of his sister "she needed no royal title to continue to generate her particular brand of magic", he made clear to Sir Robert Fellowes that even if a posthumous restoration were offered, the Spencer family would not accept it.

The exchange took place on the train carrying family mourners to the Princess's private burial at Althorp.

A Palace spokesman said that the Spencer family had been consulted: "Their very firm view was that the Princess herself would not have wished for any change to the style and title by which she was known at the time of her death. The Spencer family itself also did not wish for it to be changed."

Palace sources insisted that at no time had Sir Robert made any offer; the subject had been broached only because the Palace had had a number of calls from newspaper urging the Queen to restore the title. But there was little doubt that had the Earl wished it, the Queen would have given serious consideration to restoring the title, which the Princess surrendered voluntarily during her divorce negotiations.

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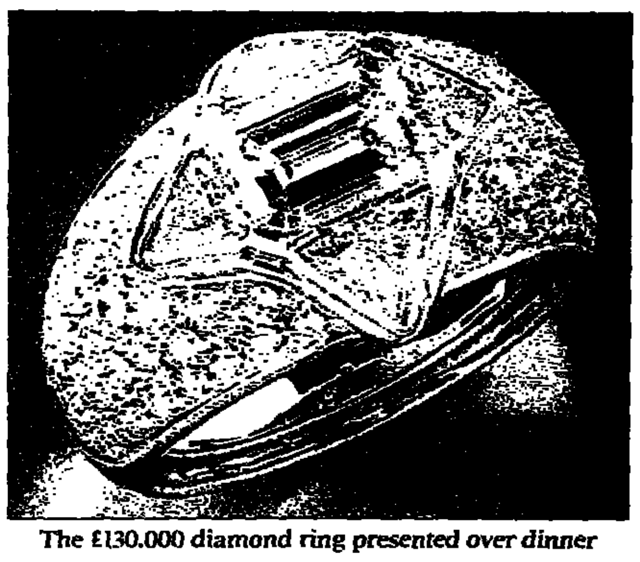

The £130,000 diamond ring presented over dinner

Princess chose ring given on fatal night

By Ben Macintyre and Stephen Farrell

A MONTE CARLO jeweller confirmed last night that Diana, Princess of Wales, had chosen the £130,000 diamond ring that Dodi Fayed presented to her on the night of their fatal car crash.

However, Alberto Repossi said he did not know if Mr Fayed intended it as an engagement ring as he never discussed such confidential matters with customers. "These are the sort of intimate things of which one does not speak," said M Repossi, who also has a boutique opposite the Ritz Hotel in Paris's Place Vendôme.

The emerald-cut stone surrounded by four triangle diamonds was selected by the Princess in Monte Carlo and sent to Mr Fayed for presentation to her over dinner a few hours before the crash.

"I am deeply moved by the fact that this ring will be forever associated with the tragic love story of the Princess," M Repossi said.

The ring, found in the wreckage of the Mercedes, was part of a line of engagement jewellery named *Dis-moi oui*. It recently featured in an advertising campaign in society magazines under the slogan: "A little yes, for the happiest day of her life." M M Repossi is a third-generation gem dealer whose grandfather opened the family's first shop in Italy in 1920. Jean Gertner, of Hatton Diamonds in London, said that the central diamond alone could be up to three carats and worth £60,000.

She said: "It is more than a cluster, we would classify it as possibly a reproduction of an antique ring, they have this kind of look. It is a very fine piece."

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Carey to defend unions' rights

By Philip Bassett
Industrial Editor

THE Archbishop of Canterbury is expected to provoke political controversy today by publicly endorsing the Government's plans to grant statutory recognition to trade unions.

In the first speech by an Archbishop of Canterbury to a TUC conference, Dr George Carey will make clear that he backs the view of Roman Catholic bishops — that workers have rights, including the right to join trade unions and to go on strike, and are not commodities to be bought and sold according to market requirements.

He is expected to say that it is not consistent with ecumenical Christian concerns for workers to be denied a say in decisions concerning them, or denied a right to be represented by a trade union of their choice.

He will tell the conference: "I believe that, in broad terms, employers have a moral responsibility to recognise the chosen representatives of their employees." And he will go on to say that it is unjust when people suffer victimisation on grounds of their membership or taking part in "legitimate" union activities.

The Archbishop, who will mention his own past membership of two unions, will also spell out "fundamental values" that Christian churches have in common with trade unions.

His insistence that employers have a moral obligation to recognise trade unions comes after TUC named a number of companies it accused of refusing recognition in spite of their workers wanting unions.

The Prime Minister will also support the plans for recognition when he addresses the conference in Brighton later today. But yesterday he was accused of watering down a clear promise on job rights made by his predecessor John Smith.

John Edmonds, General Secretary of the GMB general union, criticised the Government for coupling its proposal for union recognition with an insistence on maintaining Britain's economic competitiveness and on keeping a flexible labour market.

Tony Blair is insistent that Labour proposals on jobs must be compatible with employment flexibility. But the GMB leader told the TUC conference: "A flexible labour market? When I hear the Labour government using Tory phrases, I shiver a little."

In a clear reference to the Prime Minister, he said: "People who tell us that flexibility must be encouraged at all costs should not defend a law that makes working people who change jobs wait for two long years to achieve even the most modest protection against unfairness at

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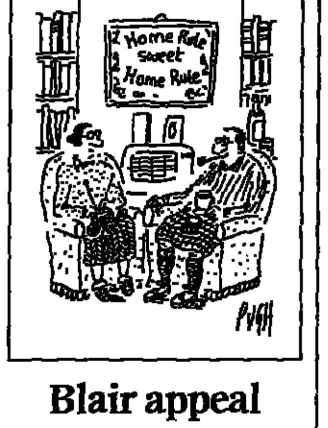

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Blair appeal

Tony Blair pressed for a double "yes" vote in the Scottish devolution referendum campaign, telling people in Glasgow and Edinburgh that there was nothing to fear except fear itself. He urged supporters: "Have courage and keep the faith" .... Page 8

Academy artists call for Myra Hindley show to be scrapped

Hindley portrayed by children's handprints

By Dalya Alberge
Arts Correspondent

THE Royal Academy of Arts is facing a rebellion from its academicians over a decision to show a *portrait of Myra Hindley, created* by thousands of children's handprints.

The artist Craigie Aitchison has threatened to resign over the matter and others voiced disgust that the portrait of the Moors murderer is to be exhibited at a venerable institution such as the Royal Academy.

The issue will be debated at a general assembly of the academicians on Thursday. "It should never have got this," Aitchison said. "It is a disgrace for the RA even to think of exhibiting the Hindley picture. I'm not going to be associated with a place that puts on that."

Referring to the RA's statement *about being sympathetic to the* wishes of the families of Hindley's victims, he said: "If this is true, why then is there any thought of exhibiting the picture?

"The exhibition organiser should be asked to give up his job. I have considered resigning over it. It's better those responsible for it should do that."

The portrait, by Marcus Harvey, is among several controversial exhibits being loaned to the academy by the collector Charles Saatchi from September 18. *Sensation*, the title of the show of work by young British avant-garde artists, anticipates criticism. A sculpture using *nine pints of an artist's blood and* explicit mannequins are among works upsetting academicians who regard the academy as a bastion of tradition.

Winnie Johnson, the mother of one of the Moors victims, and Hindley herself have asked the RA not to show the picture.

Aitchison's views were echoed by fellow artist Anthony Green: "I wish that the academy had had nothing to do with things that relate to Myra Hindley. It strikes me that we are *not doing ourselves any great* honour by being involved with Hindley mugshots when a child is still buried on the moors.

"This has nothing to do with art. This is bathing in the gutter. Others will say we're narrow-minded, bigoted old fools. I don't mind if they do. This is about common humanity and Christian decency."

Another academician, Philip Sutton, said: "I don't think it should be exhibited because of the families of *the children. The question of artistic* freedom doesn't come into it. It's to do with human feelings about the family. I don't feel it's a political clamping down on an artist. It's to do with human feelings. If the family object. I'm with the family. If it was one of my children, I would strongly object."

Norman Adams, Professor of Painting at the RA School, said: "It's a pretty disgusting exhibition because of its reliance on shock tactics. Apart from anything else, it's such an awful *painting. I can't* see what merit it has at all."

Edna Weiss, a member of the Reynolds Club, an association of *former* students of the Royal Academy Schools, said: "For the parents of the children, it's in bad taste. The murder is not 100 years hence. This is too close to it. Hindley is still living and the parents are still around."

David Norris, chairman of the Reynolds Club, said: "As a matter of principle, if something is going to be so *intrusive into the emotional* life of the families, of course it shouldn't be there. It's capitalising on publicity. If it were of Joe Smith, *it would attract no attention whatsoever artistically or in any other way.* This is courting the emotions to gain publicity."

An RA spokeswoman said that a final decision would be made at the end of this week.

Hume puts peace process before Irish presidency

From Martin Fletcher
and Audrey Magee

Hume: inundated with calls to stand

JOHN HUME ended weeks of speculation last night by announcing that he would not stand in the election to succeed Mary *Robinson* as Ireland's next President.

The 60-year-old leader of the Social Democratic and *Labour Party ended weeks of* speculation last night by saying that he had spent his adult life working to end the conflict in Northern Ireland and could not leave the peace process at this "very crucial stage".

Polls showed that Mr Hume was the overwhelming favourite. He was *inundated with* calls from the Republic urging him to stand, and Dublin's main parties would have backed him. However, the post *would* have prevented him joining the full-scale peace negotiations, beginning on Monday, which he has worked harder than anyone to broker.

Mr Hume, who is also an MEP, said it was a "very difficult decision". Other factors undoubtedly deterred him, though his statement did not mention them. He had no guarantee of an uncontested election because Albert Reynolds, the former Taoiseach, would not withdraw. Sinn Fein had an outside chance of winning the by-election for his Westminster seat, giving it three MPs to the SDLP's two. Unionist hardliners might have turned the European by-election into a damaging referendum on the peace talks.

Sinn Fein will meanwhile fulfil the last condition for joining the negotiations this afternoon by formally committing itself to the six "Mitchell principles" of democracy and non-violence. In a brief ceremony at Stormont Castle Gerry Adams, the Sinn Fein president, and Martin McGuinness, the party's chief negotiatior, will renounce the use of force for political ends. None of the Unionist parties will be present.

The Ulster Unionist Party's 110-member executive will meet on *Saturday* to decide whether to attend the negotiations with Sinn Fein. The *party is deeply divided on the* issue and is expected to agree only to proximity talks, not face-to-face negotiations. The smaller Democratic Unionist and UK Unionist parties have already left the peace process.

Mr Hume's decision not to *stand for the Irish presidency throws the Republic's political* parties into turmoil as they struggle to find a successor to Mrs Robinson, who leaves office on Friday to become the United Nations Human Rights Commissioner.

The three main Irish political parties — Fianna Fail, *Fine Gael and Labour* — had hoped to avoid an expensive and potentially politically damaging presidential election by putting Mr Hume forward as an agreed candidate. All three parties want to avoid the embarassment of losing an election, but the elimination of Mr Hume forces them to select candidates over the coming weeks and canvass for the election on October 30.

Mr Reynolds is now the bookmakers' favourite to win. However, the Fianna Fail leadership is reluctant to back him as it fears that he will *not* have enough electoral support, particularly in Dublin, where anti-Reynolds sentiments are strong. Michael O'Kennedy, a former Fianna *Fail minister, is currently the party's only alternative but is* not considered strong enough to beat Mr Reynolds at next week's selection meeting.

Fine Gael, meanwhile, must decide between Mary Banotti, an MEP who spends most of her life in Brussels and Strasbourg, and Avril Doyle, who lost her *Dail seat in the June election. Labour, which* backed Mrs Robinson in 1990, does not have any candidates as yet. David Norris, an independent senator and gay-rights activist, is seeking the party's nomination, but it is reluctant to back a gay man for President and may opt for *Michael D. Higgins, the former Arts Minister. Dana, the* former Eurovision Song Contest winner, is still battling for a nomination.

Mrs Robinson paid a final visit to Northern Ireland yesterday and insisted that peace was "within grasp" if the Province's politicians were *willing to take risks.*

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Mary Robinson yesterday, during her last official visit to Belfast as Irish President

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spent several hours helping to move some of the many thousands of flowers from the front gates at Althorp to the island where his sister is buried.

The task began at first light *after he decided that the* flowers should be allowed to wither over time near the Princess's unmarked grave.

The tiny bouquet of white roses from Prince Harry that sat on the coffin with the poignant card saying "Mummy" has been placed alone on *the grave. It, too, will be left* untouched, as will the bouquets from Prince William, a spray of lilies from Lord Spencer and the tributes from the Prince of Wales and the Queen and the Duke of Edinburgh.

A spokesman for the Spencer family said: "There is no intention of removing any of them after the flowers had wilted. It's ashes to ashes. They will stay there and help more flowers to grow one day around the grave."

All day, estate workers toiled to lift by hand each floral tribute that had been formed into the shape of a heart on the road outside the gates. Inside they were laid on tractor trailers and taken to *the edge of the lake* where the Earl helped to lift them into a small rowing boat.

David Jones of the Press Association, the only photographer allowed to witness the scene, said: "It really was very peaceful. Extremely moving. *The island is carpeted in* flowers."

The Earl was rowed out to the grave because he has ordered the temporary bridge used for her burial to be dismantled so that nobody can reach the island.

"He wanted his sister left in *absolute peace and solitude.* This way, no one can reach her grave," the spokesman said. When family members want to visit, they, too, will go by boat. When the Earl opens Althorp to the public, they will be permitted to walk only as far as the lake edge.

The photographer was not allowed near the Princess's grave, but simply shown a pathway that has been hacked through the shrubbery. By last night that pathway was entirely strewn with flowers.

The Earl, who was said to have remained "composed and *reflective" as he walked* on the island, has left a note on the gates to the estate thanking people for their generous reaction and explaining what has happened to their tributes.

Carey will defend unions' rights

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work." Changes to employment law made by the Conservative Government extended the qualifying period for employment protection to employees with two years' service or more.

Mr Edmonds said that politicians reluctant to change the two-year rule had claimed that to do so it would discourage job creation. He said: "They give us a choice between unemployment and unfairness. Thank God life is not like that."

He explicitly recalled Mr Smith's 1993 promise of universal rights at work from day one for all employees.

Praising Mr Smith as a politician who got the issue right rather than someone who made a "spurious show", Mr Edmonds said: "Not a waiting period which gives the bad employer an interlude to pressurise and bully. Protection from the first minute of *the first day of the first week of* employment."

And rejecting any compromise of making unfair dismissal rights applicable after a year or six months — as had been suggested during the election campaign, he added: "To dismiss people unfairly is just as wrong whether it happens after two days, or two months, or after two years."

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NEWS IN BRIEF

Law lords will sit in Hong Kong court

British judges are to play a key role in the Court of Appeal in Hong Kong. The Lord Chancellor, Lord Irvine of Lairg, said yesterday that two serving law lords will be made available to sit in the court, which has taken over from the Privy Council as the former colony's final appeal court.

The announcement, which *will be widely welcomed by the* legal profession in Hong Kong, was made after a meeting between the Lord Chancellor and the Chief Justice of Hong Kong, Andrew Li. The two law lords will form part of the Court of Appeal's non-permanent panel of judges and will strengthen the perceived independence of the court. The appointments will be made through the Hong Kong Special Administrative Region. Further talks will be held on the candidates. Lord Irvine is visiting Hong Kong, the first Cabinet *minister to do so since its transfer to China.*

Lawyers' profits soar

Lawyers in the City of London have enjoyed their biggest earnings since the 1980s, with average profits per partner topping £500,000, according to a survey by *Legal Business* magazine. The biggest profits were at Clifford Chance, *Linklaters & Paines, Freshfields, Allen & Overy and* Slaughter and May, where turnover topped £1 billion. At Slaughter and May, average profits were £566,000, with top partners earning £700,000. Partners at some of the middle-sized firms took home as much as those in the top five.

Donor boy helps seven

An eight-year-old boy who died from a brain haemorrhage has helped seven people by the donation of his organs. Aaron Bennett's mother, Angela, 37, of Wilsden, near Bradford, said: "We wanted to give someone else the chance from our loss." A three-year-old girl in King's College Hospital, London, received a liver, one kidney was given to a ten-year-old Nottingham girl and the other to a 54-year-old Sheffield woman. Two children will have his corneas to restore their sight and two will have his heart valves.

Nuclear fire contract

The Atomic Energy Authority will disclose details this week of the contract to dismantle the damaged atomic reactor at Windscale, which has remained sealed since it caught fire 40 years ago. The fire at Windscale Atomic Works — now Sellafield — in October 1957 remains the worst nuclear *accident in Britain. Fifteen tonnes of nuclear fuel are still in* the structure. Andrew Munn, spokesman for the authority, said: "You cannot leave something like that forever and a day. This is a contract to do something about it."

ME charity's tutor fear

Only a quarter of tutors who teach sick children in their homes *know anything about chronic fatigue syndrome*, the condition which is responsible for more than half of long-term illness among teenagers, says Action for ME, the charity for sufferers from myalgic encephalomyelitis. It found that only 25 per cent of home tutors employed by 70 local education authorities had been told how the condition, which affects 25,000 children, hits memory and concentration. The charity has launched an information pack.

Beatles publicist dies

Derek Taylor, the former publicist for The Beatles who was responsible for many of the legends surrounding their career, has died. Mr Taylor, 65, worked with the group at the height of Beatlemania and ghost-wrote the autobiography of their manager Brian Epstein, *A Cellarfull of Noise.* He later became press officer for the ill-fated Apple record label. A private funeral will be held in *Suffolk on Friday.*

Health inequality grows

The gap between the life expectancy of the wealthy and the poor is widening, according to a study. Men in the professional classes can expect to live to 75, compared with 70 for those at the bottom of society. Professional-class *women have a life expectancy of 80, compared with 77 for the* poor. The report, *Health Inequalities*, also shows that richer people are healthier. It will be used by Sir Donald Acheson, the former Chief Medical Officer, in drawing up a study for the Government on the consequences of poverty.

Alzheimer's drug hope

Gene-testing for Alzheimer's disease could make the memory-loss illness preventable and curable within five years, according to leading a *neurologist*. Allen Roses, the vice-president of Glaxo Wellcome and a former professor of neurology at Duke University Medical Centre, North *Carolina, told a conference in Australia that he believed* within five years a new set of drugs would be under test which could prevent the disease occurring in people identified as being at risk.

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Ofsted pulls plug on Uncle Brian

Inspectors criticise school over 'sexist' science game and for sport during break-time, reports **David Charter**

MICHAEL POWELL

David Reid-Frow's work as Uncle Brian was criticised for "reinforcing gender division" through dividing a group into boys and girls

VILLAGE youngsters were happy when their primary school used a children's entertainer to teach them about electricity in a fun way. Uncle Brian lined up a group of four boys and a group of four girls, then they held hands to complete a circuit so that a weak current could light a bulb.

Weeks later, the school found that the lesson had been condemned by a school inspector. The problem was not the teaching method but "practices which reinforce gender divisions". The boys and girls, said an official report, should have been in mixed-sex groups.

That was not all. Brompton and Sawdon Primary School, near Scarborough in North Yorkshire, which has been praised by the local secondary head teacher for high standards in English and mathematics, was also criticised for running competitive team sports at breaktime and for failing to give children in an all-white community an "appreciation of the multicultural nature of Britain".

Yesterday the inspection agency Ofsted was handling an official complaint from the school about "political correctness" after a meeting of angry parents heard that the school had failed its inspection.

Governors accepted criticisms that lessons for five to seven-year-olds were poorly planned, but fiercely challenged other conclusions. The lead inspector, Kath Wallace, said the 39-pupil school for children aged 5 to 11 was not making boys and girls work in mixed groups: "Apart from the very youngest children, pupils are only prepared to work in single-sex groups and this is not challenged by teachers."

The school's emphasis on playing team games at breaktimes was criticised for having a "negative influence on the social development of pupils and is overdependent upon the head teacher to organise it". Elsewhere, the school is praised for its "high standards" in sport.

Mark Evans, the chairman of governors, said he was upset by the approach used by the inspectors, especially over Uncle Brian: "I think this was the result of an unlucky misunderstanding illustrating the old saying 'No good deed ever goes unpunished.'"

The entertainer — real name David Reid-Frow — is the son of a school governor. Mr Evans said: "He offered to do some simple experiments with the children to illustrate electricity. Four boys and four girls stood in a line with wire and had to connect it to a battery and make a light come on. Because it was not two boys and two girls in each team, we were criticised. Uncle Brian is a member of the community who has tried to be supportive and helpful, and he came in with the best of intentions. I am sure the children enjoyed it greatly. Boys and girls mix perfectly naturally here, they play together at break and treat each other well."

The school was also condemned for not encouraging the pupils to explore their cultural heritage or to have "an appreciation of the multicultural nature of Britain". Mr Evans said: "I recognise the inspector has a job to do and she found fault with some of the teaching. That is fair. But this implies, because we are basically an all-white part of the country, that no one is interested in anything else other than the history of North Yorkshire, which is not the case. We teach the national curriculum in full."

Brenda Frow, mother of the entertainer, said: "There are only 11 children in the infant class. My son chose the children he felt would be helpful to him, those who wanted to be involved. It is just the way it happened."

A spokesman for Ofsted said: "We cannot comment on the detail of the report. We have no doubt that the essential judgment that the school is failing is correct, but we acknowledge the school has registered a complaint, which will be investigated."

He said the findings criticised as "politically correct" would not, on their own, have led to the school failing. "They are not fundamental. What is important is the quality of teaching and learning, and the progress pupils are making."

Bernard heads for the final furlong

JEFFREY BERNARD, whose third favourite occupation after drink and sex was gambling on horses, is to have his ashes buried at the Gallops, the training ground at Lambourn, Berkshire.

The decision has been taken by the two brothers of the 65-year-old Soho habitué and *Spectator* columnist, who died on Thursday. It has yet to be agreed by Lambourn officials.

Oliver Bernard, 71, who was the eldest brother, said: "He lived near there, he loved the place — it's very beautiful — and he had some very good friends there among the trainers and jockeys. There's no room to bury him in Soho.

"It's just a question of getting hold of a trainer who was a particular mate of Jeffrey's and ensuring he arranges it."

He said that his brother, who wrote for *The Sporting Life* before being sacked for an indiscretion at a race meeting, was not particularly successful at backing horses.

Last year the writer netted £800 after backing the Grand National winner Lord Gyllene at 14-1. But his gambling proved costly in 1986 when he was fined £200 for running an illicit book at the Coach and Horses, the Soho pub that he frequented.

The burial of the urn is planned for Friday after a service at West London Crematorium in Kensal Green. There will be no officiating priest. "He had no interest in organised religion," said his brother.

Woman stabbed on common 'knew her killer'

By Paul Wilkinson

Rachel Barraclough: regular churchgoer

A TEENAGER stabbed to death on a common probably knew her killer, police said yesterday.

Rachel Barraclough, 18, described as a shy, churchgoing young woman, died from wounds inflicted with a 3in knife. Her body was discovered on Sunday night, 24 hours after she left home for a night out with friends in Wakefield, west Yorkshire. Three men out for a walk found her body on Heath Common on the outskirts of the city.

Police were yesterday unclear about the motive for the killing. She was fully clothed and had not been sexually assaulted, but had no money on her.

Detective Superintendent John Holt, leading the murder hunt, described her death as an "exceptionally violent murder" and said the person responsible was capable of doing it again and must be considered extremely dangerous.

He said: "I believe she was comfortable in the company of the person responsible for this horrific attack. Although she went willingly to Heath Common, we do know that she put up a struggle. She has received a number of defence wounds to her hands. There is a possibility that her attacker might have received some sort of injury, either from Rachel trying to defend herself, or he may have been injured during the course of the attack."

Miss Barraclough, from Bradford, was last seen by the taxi driver who dropped her off at Bradford Interchange railway station on Friday night to catch a bus to Wakefield. When her body was found she was wearing her disco clothes: a short, black satin skirt, a burgundy blouse and a black bomber jacket with an imitation fur collar.

Mr Holt said he believed Rachel had not been abducted and dumped but died at the scene, 40 yards from the nearest path and a mile from the nearest road. The common is popular with joggers and people walking their dogs. The murder weapon has not been found.

He described the victim as a normal, attractive 18-year-old girl, "full of life", who was a regular member of her local church. He appealed for anyone who saw her to come forward so they could piece together her final hours.

Yesterday her father, Malcolm Barraclough, a maintenance engineer, and her mother Hilary, were too distressed to appear at a press conference.

Years of guilt led murderer to confess

By Adam Fresco

SEVEN years ago, Andrew Aiken took a 4lb hammer and battered to death a friend after a drunken argument. Yesterday a court was told that he had wandered the globe, "tormented by guilt", until he could stand it no more and flew home to Britain, where he confessed to police and begged for the death penalty.

Aiken, who represented himself in court, killed Lawrence McDonagh, aged in his 40s or 50s, at their squat in Hackney, East London, in 1990. He dragged the body into the cellar and buried it in a sleeping bag. Friends, unaware that the body was underfoot, helped him to concrete over the floor.

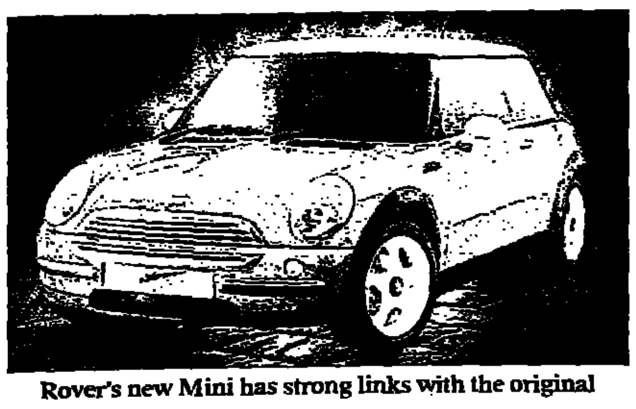
Shortly after the murder of the busker he had met at a London Tube station, Aiken left the country, the Old Bailey was told. He ended up in Picton, south of Sydney, Australia, and joined a group called the Community Apostolic Church and told them his story. They persuaded him to give himself up and in June this year he returned to Britain. He was met at Heathrow in June by a member of the church from Kent who helped him to type his confession.

Brian Altman, for the prosecution, said: "He asked for his life to be taken in an exception to what he described as the current insufficient punishment."

On June 5 this year Aiken went to Scotland Yard and led officers to the body. Judge Clive Tayler, QC, adjourned sentencing until Friday for psychiatric reports.

Brief encounter with new Mini shows minor change

By Kevin Eason
Motoring Correspondent



Rover's new Mini has strong links with the original

THE Mini for the next century broke cover last night — and it looks like a Mini. Rover was allowed to show the successor to Britain's best-selling car, but only for a few seconds, by the company's owners, BMW.

The fleeting glimpse was enough to allay fears that the new Mini would be a radically styled, bug-eyed car. The next Mini will look very like the 10ft box on wheels designed 40 years ago by Sir Alec Issigonis. Rover's designers have cleverly incorporated modern styling cues into the familiar Mini shape, dictated by the fact that the car will not follow the fashion among competitors for moving the engine further back.

The engine will stay under the bonnet, where Sir Alec originally put it, placed sideways and powering the front wheels. But the car will be slightly longer than the original, roomier and safer. It will also be "unashamedly sporty", according to Rover.

The Mini for the millennium was revealed on the eve of the Frankfurt Motor Show, which traditionally celebrates German technology. BMW held a confidential meeting for selected journalists to show its future products, but surprised the audience by making the Mini the star. After its brief appearance the car was shipped to Britain.

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'No such dispute': events that led to claims of a royal row

Damian Whitworth sifts facts from speculation in a momentous week

BUCKINGHAM PALACE. Earl Spencer and Channel 4 gave different accounts of the days that preceeded the funeral of Diana, Princess of Wales. The undisputed events are as follows:

The fatal crash occured at 12.25am on Sunday. Within an hour a telephone call woke staff at Balmoral who in turn roused the Prince of Wales and the Queen. The Prime Minister, asleep in his Sedgefield constituency, was woken at 2am.

Within minutes of the Princess's death, just before 4am, the Prince of Wales was informed. A newsflash from the Press Association told the world at 4.41am and at 5.09 the television news bulletins reported a short statement issued by Buckingham Palace: "The Queen and the Prince of Wales are deeply shocked and distressed by the terrible news."

According to last night's programme, there is said to have been conflict already within the Royal Family over the dead Princess. At 9.30am Mr Blair spoke to the Queen and the Prince of Wales by telephone to offer his condolences. He would not be called upon to intervene over the funeral until later.

It was to be expected that the Palace was in a state of confusion over the status and style of the funeral because the divorced wife of a Prince of Wales defied traditional protocol. According to Channel 4, which said its report last night was based on information from high-level official sources, Earl Spencer was "enraged" by the suggestion that his sister should have a private funeral. This reaction was said to have coloured subsequent relations between him and the Royal Family. Only Downing Street had been able to restore any relations between the two families.

At 11am the Prime Minister spoke to the nation on his way to church. He spoke for the country when he said that Diana was the People's Princess. Nothing was said about funeral plans. The programme last night said initial discussions had involved the Queen, Prince Philip, Sir Robert Fellowes, the Queen's private secretary, and Prince Charles. It was made clear to Charles that Diana's body was not to be taken to any of the Royal palaces. Then, it is alleged, the family, including the two young princes, went to church themselves — amid the worst of the rowing.

Prince Charles was said to have argued with Sir Robert Fellowes over the plans for Diana's funeral

The Prince of Wales returned to Balmoral before setting off for Paris to bring back the body of his former wife. He drove himself to Aberdeen airport where he was joined by the Princess's sisters, Lady Sarah McCorquodale and Lady Jane Fellowes, the wife of Sir Robert.

They flew on a BAe146 aircraft of the Royal Squadron to a military airfield 30 minutes southwest of Paris. The Prince is said to have been forced to over-rule palace officials who objected to a royal flight being used.

The programme said Prince Charles had been left to arrange the smallest of details on the day, even having to telephone ahead himself for the wreath.

Only an urgent telephone conversation between Tony Blair and the Prince of Wales, from the flight-deck of the plane taking Charles to Paris, resulted in the decision to allow Diana to lie in the Chapel Royal at St James's Palace, and for her to have a public funeral at Westminster Abbey, according to Channel 4 News.

This row, according to the programme, set the tone for a week in which eventually Buckingham Palace appeared to break with protocol only under pressure from the public. Concessions were made over the laying of flowers in Kensington Gardens, the extension of the route of the funeral procession, the flying of a flag at half-mast over Buckingham Palace and a one-minute silence. The Queen also eventually agreed to return to London after criticism of her absence at Balmoral and give a television address to the nation.

Channel 4 maintained that the row had continued to underlie preparations for Saturday's funeral, with the issue of who would walk with the coffin into the abbey not resolved until less than an hour in advance.

Undeniably, there was confusion about who would walk behind the coffin, with the result that the Duke of Edinburgh's appearance with the three princes and the Earl was unexpected.

☐ *Additional reporting by Geoff King and Matthew Beard.*

The Queen: reported to have sought private funeral

Hague calls for Heathrow to be Diana Airport

By Harvey Elliott and Philip Webster

A PROPOSAL to rename Heathrow as the Princess Diana International Airport was endorsed by William Hague yesterday as an "immediate and symbolic memorial".

There was scepticism among executives at the airports operator BAA and some politicians pointed out privately that Heathrow was not always the most popular place in the country, and might become less so after the fifth terminal was built. The Government was non-committal.

Lindsay Hoyle, the Labour MP for Chorley, became the first MP to back the idea publicly yesterday, saying it would be "an ideal way to keep Diana's name constantly in people's minds the world over".

It became a formal proposal from Mr Hague. He said that the Conservatives would put the idea forward to the Government as a tribute that could be made quickly and easily while a range of memorials were being considered. He added: "Heathrow is one of our main gateways to the rest of the world and other countries such as the United States and France have named their airports after major public figures." Sir Teddy Taylor, Conservative MP for Rochford and Southend East, did not agree: "I do not think it is a fitting memorial to put a new nameplate on something already there."

The BAA said officially that it was "flattered" and that the Princess had been a regular user of Heathrow. Privately, senior officials were sceptical that such a move would win board acceptance.

About 50 airports around the world have been named after people, such as John F. Kennedy in New York, Charles de Gaulle in Paris and John Wayne in Orange County, California. Britain has steadfastly refused to bow to the cult of personality.

"I can think of nothing worse than naming Heathrow after Diana, Princess of Wales," Sir Peter Masefield, former chairman of BAA, said. "It has always been a great tradition in this country to name airports after nearby villages which might have been there for thousands of years."

Lord Archer of Weston-super-Mare said that he was calling for Kensington Gardens to be renamed the Princess of Wales Gardens.

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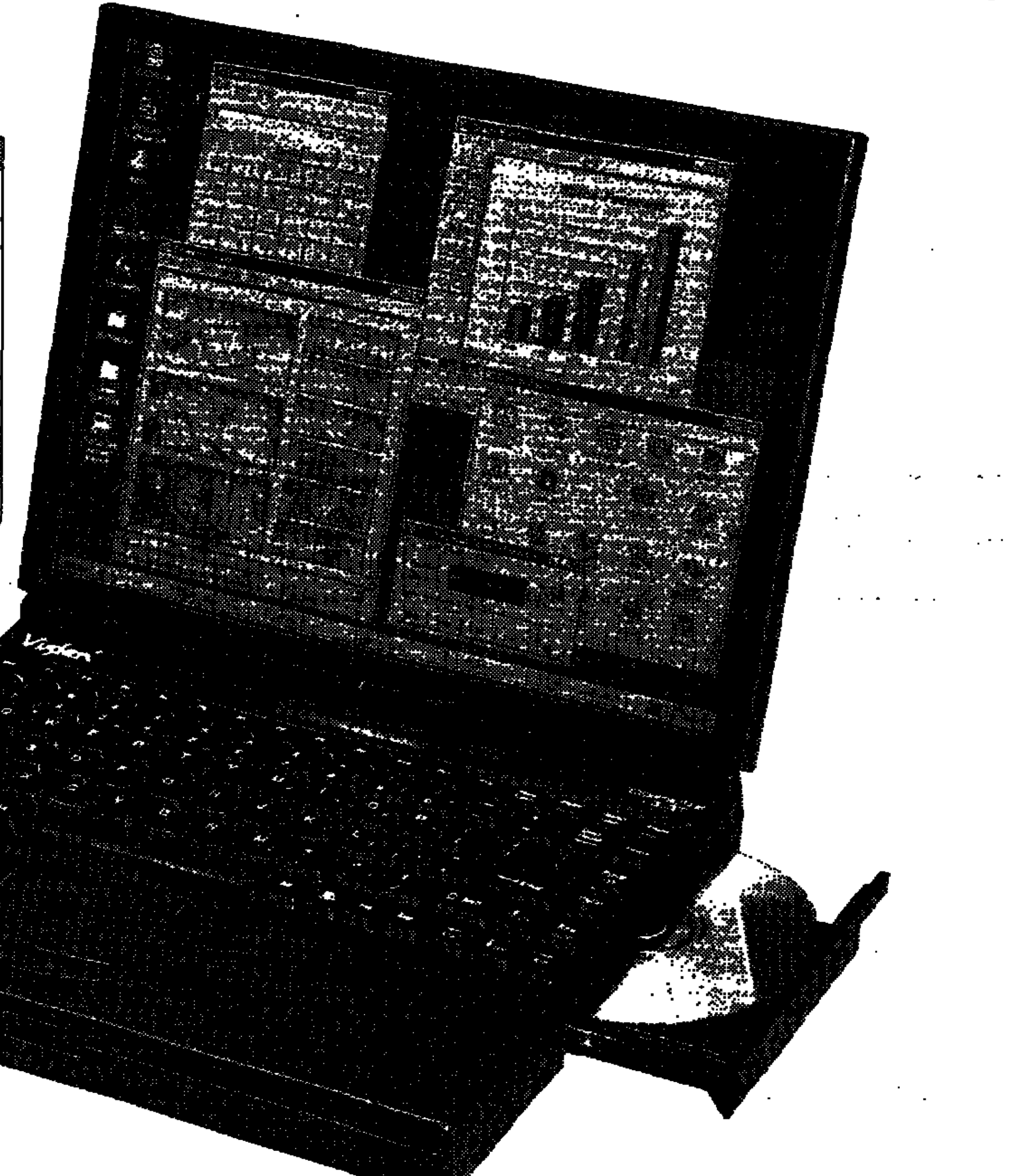

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Tide of flowers overwhelms the palaces

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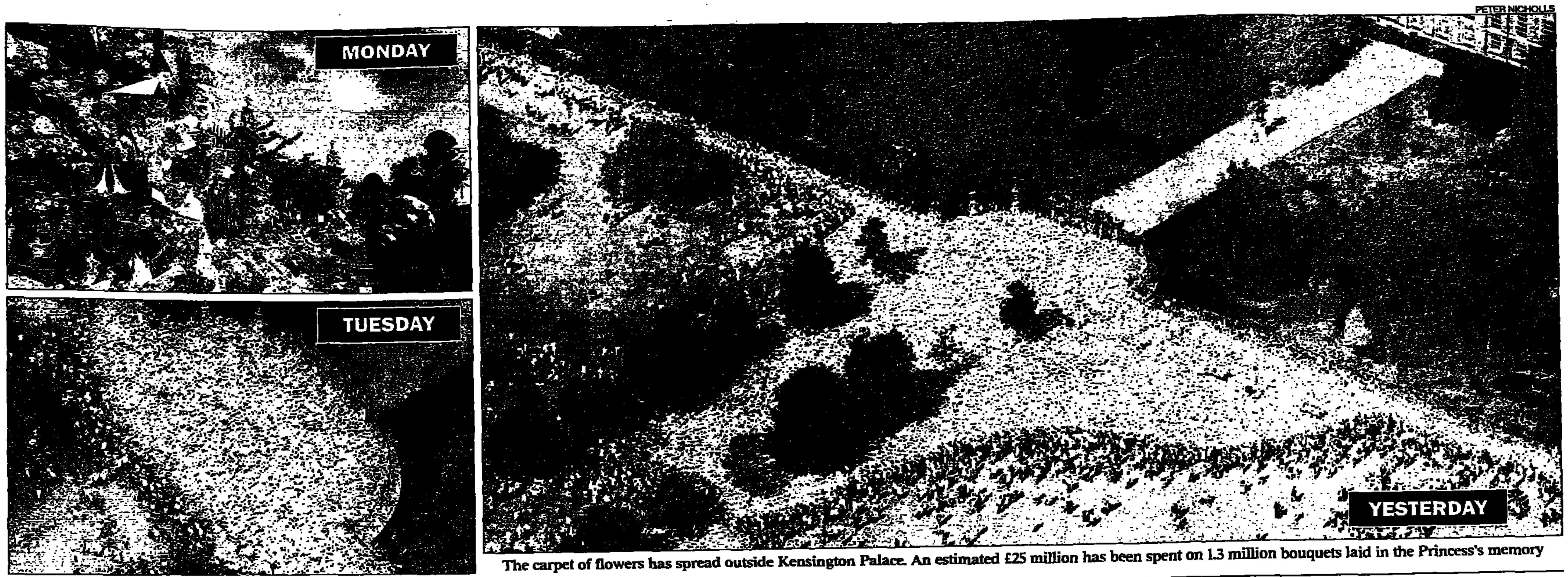

The carpet of flowers has spread outside Kensington Palace. An estimated £25 million has been spent on 1.3 million bouquets laid in the Princess's memory

The operation to collect tributes has been postponed as thousands more are laid, reports **Daniel McGrory**

THE clearance of flowers laid in memory of Diana, Princess of Wales, outside the three London palaces has been postponed because many people are still placing tributes.

Volunteers were due to begin the task of removing the estimated 1.3 million bouquets and displays today, but it was realised that they would have difficulty reaching them because of the crowds still flocking to the palaces.

The Royal Family and Earl Spencer agreed that the clean-up operation should not be rushed. A spokesman for Lord Spencer said: "He finds it all very moving and believes people should be allowed to express their grief."

Police were forced to keep The Mall and Constitution Hill closed yesterday because of the throng of people carrying armfuls of flowers. They will attempt to open the roads today.

The government department organising the clean-up said last night that the removal would not begin "until Thursday at the earliest". It could take the volunteer army of Scouts and other youth organisations up to six weeks to remove more than 10,000 tonnes of flowers already left. It is estimated that more than £25 million has been spent on floral tributes.

The Department of Media, Culture and Sport said that it had not begun to estimate the cost of the collection. A spokesman said: "The public feel very strongly that these displays should be treated with sensitivity and the Government recognises that. A lot of effort and emotion went into creating this unprecedented show of public affection."

The Government has guaranteed that every bouquet will be collected and every written tribute that is still legible will go to the Princess's family.

Members of the public were last night telephoning the department and Buckingham Palace asking if they still had time to add their tributes. "Everyone is being assured they can still pay their respects when they choose," the spokesman said.

Eventually areas at Kensington Palace, Buckingham Palace and St James's Palace will be set aside for new tributes, to allow the removal of bouquets that have been there more than a week.

"The longer the flowers stay out in the open the less chance there is of us being able to send some to hospitals and old folk's homes," the spokesman said. "The other worry is the weather damaging and erasing so many of those wonderful written tributes."

The wait to sign one of the 43 books of condolence in Kensington Palace was yesterday down to just over two hours. The books will be open 24 hours a day until Monday and then will be given to the Spencer family.

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McCartney: involved

Branson to make tribute CD

By Alexandra Frean

SIR Paul McCartney, Eric Clapton and Phil Collins have offered songs for a Christmas tribute album in memory of the Princess. Proceeds will goto her memorial fund.

Richard Branson, the Virgin entrepreneur who is *putting together* the album of sad songs, is also planning three rock concerts on the anniversary of the Princess's death next summer, to be held simultaneously in Hyde Park, New York's *Central Park* and at a venue in Paris.

Mr Branson said that the album would contain some of rock's most moving songs and he hoped it would include Elton John's new version of *Candle in the Wind*. "The idea is to bring out an album that would reflect Diana's life. The artists are trying to create the most moving album ever released." He thought it could raise huge sums for charity.

Sir Paul's contribution will be *Little Willow*. Eric Clapton has offered *Tears in Heaven* and Phil Collins will rerecord *Since I Lost You*.

Survivor was only one in seatbelt

By Ben Macintyre

THE Princess was not wearing a seatbelt when the Fayed limousine crashed at speed in a Paris tunnel, police confirmed yesterday.

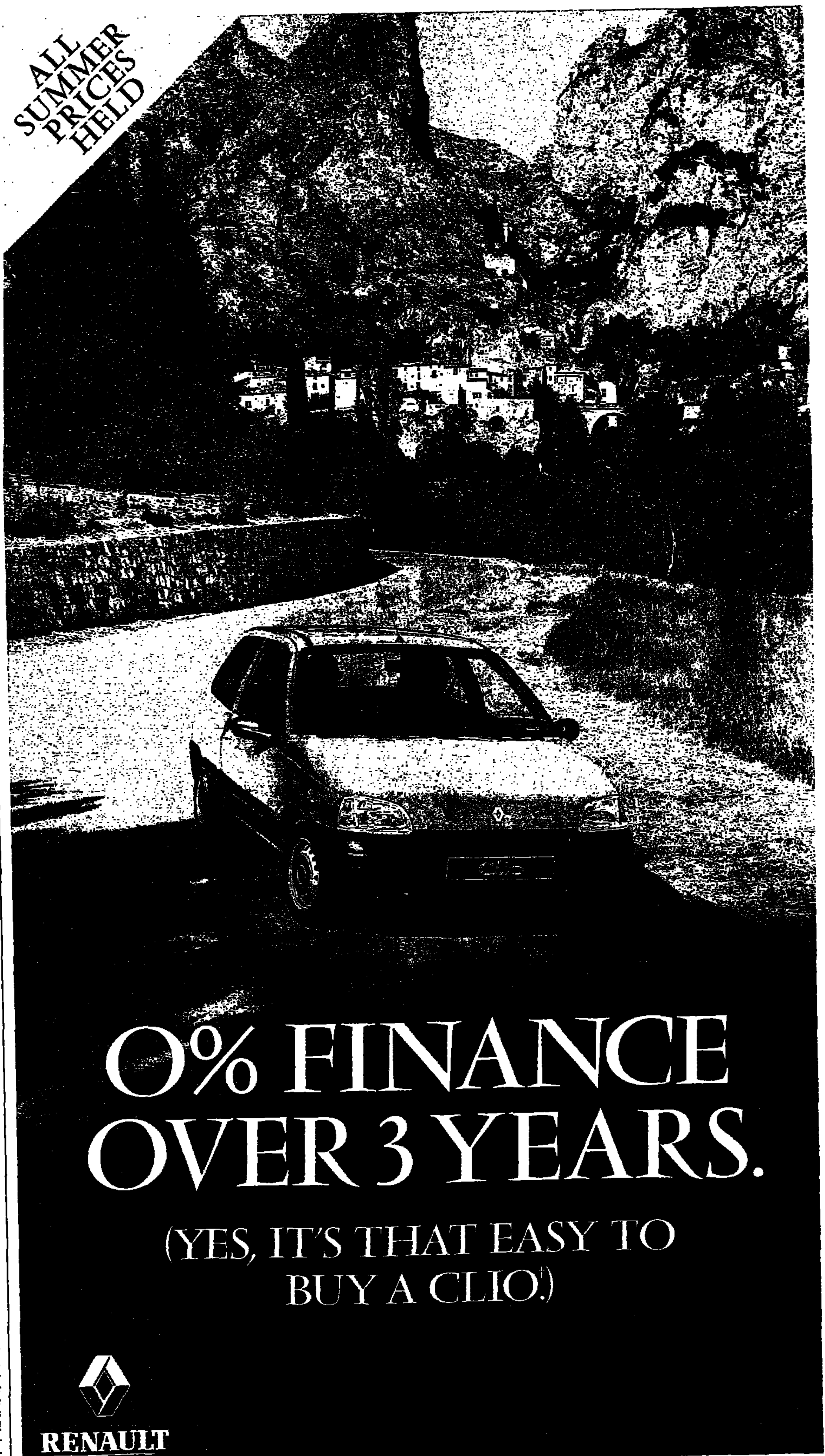
"The only person inside the car wearing a seatbelt was the bodyguard, who survived," a senior police source said, confirming longstanding speculation. The car's driver, Henri Paul, was also not wearing his seatbelt.

Trevor Rees-Jones, the bodyguard, was said to be recovering well from head and chest wounds. The British Embassy said he was still unable to speak to police about the accident. Doctors dismissed reports that he had suffered brain damage or had lost his tongue.

The embassy statement said: "He has started on a long road to what we expect will be a full recovery. It will be some time before he is able to speak to investigators." A facial reconstruction operation was carried out last Thursday.

Mr Rees-Jones, 29, is under heavy sedation and believed to be only intermittently conscious in the intensive care unit at La Pieté-Salpêtrière hospital. Earlier news reports claimed that his family had said Mr Rees-Jones was deeply upset and felt partly responsible for the tragedy.

However, a hospital spokeswoman said that doctors doubted whether the injured man had recovered sufficiently to talk to his family.



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Schools to fund places for bright girls

Lawley: will publicise £70m scholarship fund

By David Charter
EDUCATION CORRESPONDENT

THE largest grouping of independent girls' schools yesterday launched a £70 million scholarship programme to replace their state-funded assisted places, which are being phased out by the Government.

Sue Lawley, the broadcaster, will take part in radio advertisements to publicise the 3,000 subsidised places available to low-income families at the 25 schools in the Girls Public Day School Trust.

Ms Lawley, whose daughter attends Putney High School in South London, is among several celebrities helping the trust to set up its fund. Its patrons include Dame Stella Rimington, former director of MI5 and a former pupil of Nottingham High School, and Nicola Horlick, the merchant banker who attended Birkenhead High School.

The assisted places scheme, which covers 34,000 pupils, is to be phased out over the next seven years and the £140 million cost switched to keep class sizes to 30 or below in state infant school classes. This September's intake will be the last subsidised by the scheme.

As disclosed in *The Times* in May, the trust wants to ensure that the fund can replace all the assisted places at its schools. They include South Hampstead High and Wimbledon High in London, and Ipswich, Oxford and Portsmouth High Schools. The trust has raised well over £10 million through donations from funds and former pupils.

Michael Oakley, its chief executive, said: "We could fill these places with fee-payers but the trust has always been committed to making its schools accessible to bright girls from families who otherwise could not afford it. We do not want schools which are only for the relatively wealthy."

The Headmasters' and Headmistresses' Conference of 250 leading independent schools estimates its schools will replace around a third of its subsidised places.

Vivian Anthony, secretary of the conference, said: "The sad thing is that, despite all the schemes, there will be children who will lose out. It is undeniable from the research we have done that those young people will do less well in the schools they are going to than if they had come to us."

Government-commissioned research showed last summer that pupils on assisted places at independent schools scored up to three A-level grades better than pupils of equal ability at state schools. The study compared the 1995 A-level results of pupils on the scheme with those of 18-year-olds who qualified for a place but opted to take their A levels in the state sector.

☐ The Girls Public Day School Trust, which this year celebrates its 125th anniversary, is to drop the word public from its title.

Mr Oakley said: "We do not want an exclusive image. The trust was founded to offer educational opportunities to all bright girls, whatever their backgrounds. The word public was used in 1872, as the schools were funded by public subscription, but it has since come to suggest exclusivity."

Mother is hero for tomorrow's career women

Cherie Booth tops sixth-form poll, but home's where heart is, reports

John O'Leary

CHERIE BOOTH, the Prime Minister's wife, is the top public role model for sixth-formers at some of Britain's leading girls' schools. But most feel that they know an even more impressive woman: their mother.

The girls have revealed themselves to be a mix of the *traditional and modern in a* poll examining their views as the next generation of career women. Most said that they would not work full-time while their own children were young, but some said they had already decided never to have children.

The poll of girls at schools belonging to the Girls Public Day School Trust named Ms Booth, a leading employment lawyer, as the most popular personality for successfully *combining motherhood with* a career. Diana, Princess of Wales, was second — the poll was taken before her death — and Baroness Thatcher was third.

Other nominations included the businesswoman Nicola Horlick, Hillary Clinton, the actresses Nicole Kidman, Dawn French, Pamela Anderson and Goldie Hawn, followed by the television presenter Anne Diamond, and Harriet Harman, the Social Security Secretary.

Ms Booth attracted 46 votes from the 340 girls who were questioned. However, home is still where the heart is. Twice as many girls voted for their mothers than for any of the public figures nominated. Most of the girls in the survey had doubts about the concept of a "superwoman". Three out of ten said it was impossible to combine motherhood with a good career, although more thought that it was normal to *do so*.

The poll was taken for a conference of head girls and their deputies being held this week. Anne Jolly, the organiser, said: "A lot of girls said they could not compare a public figure with those they knew intimately.

"Things can look wonderful on the surface, but there can be dreadful strains underneath. Their mothers were seen close at hand and commanded respect."

Only 13 per cent of the sixth-formers said that they would work full-time before their children went to school. Almost half favoured part-time work, while 38 per cent did not expect to work before their children were five years old.

Only 3 per cent expected to have children before the age of 26, while 22 per cent intended to wait until they were at *least 31. One in 20 had already decided not to have* children.

The conference, at Wimbledon High School, in south-west London, will focus on decision-making, simulating conditions young women may meet in the workplace. The 80 delegates will play the role of health authority members faced with the need to make substantial budget cuts.

The scenario is particularly apt because more than half the girls expressed an interest *in* a career involving the National Health Service. A hospital doctor was the favourite choice, followed by a general practitioner and a physiotherapist.

The 25 schools in the trust, which is celebrating its 125th anniversary, include many of those at the head of the examination league tables. Oxford and Ipswich high schools appeared in the top 20 of *The Times* A-level ranking, while South Hampstead *High School*, in *north* London, was eighth in the GCSE table.

Women who impressed the sixth-form girls: clockwise from top left, Cherie Booth, Hillary Clinton, Nicola Horlick and Baroness Thatcher. But the girls felt that their own mothers were still the real superwomen

NEWS IN BRIEF

Body of son lost on fishing trip found

The body of a man missing since a *Bank* Holiday fishing trip has been washed up on a Merseyside beach.

Charles Brodie, 22, of Rossendale, Lancashire, and his father John were plunged into the Irish Sea when their boat *capsized* off the North Wales coast last month. The 43-year-old father spent more than 20 hours in the water using air-filled waders to help him to float before an RAF helicopter located him. The son's body was discovered near Southport yesterday.

Killer escapes

Raymond Jones, 38, serving life for killing his aunt, absconded from Leyhill open prison, *Gloucestershire, three* days after transferring from another jail. Three other killers have escaped from Leyhill in the past year.

Railway injury

A *schoolboy is in hospital* after suffering 30 degree burns from a 750-volt railway track near his home in Ellesmere Port, Cheshire. The nine-year-old is said by Booth Hall Children's Hospital in Manchester to be "poorly".

Rugby boy dies

A boy aged ten collapsed and died during a warm-up session before a weekend mini-rugby match. Scott Donkin, *from* Newcastle upon Tyne, had not been in physical contact with any other players, witnesses said.

Blenheim hunt

A team from Bristol Diving *Club believes it has* located a Bristol Blenheim bomber in the Atlantic off Ulster and hopes to salvage it. Only one of the Second World War planes, a rebuilt version, had been thought to exist.

Torn off a strip

Two Cleveland policemen have been reprimanded after being filmed licking chocolate from a stripper while on a training course. They are the first of 22 officers to be disciplined over the incident, during a course in Lancashire.

Children 'are the experts on drugs'

PARENTS were urged yesterday to find out more about drugs and their effects. The call by Tessa Jowell, Public Health Minister, came as research showed that a third of parents think their children know more about drugs than they do.

At the launch of National Drugs Awareness Week, Ms Jowell encouraged parents to pick up a copy of a new free guide called *Drugs and Solvents — Know the Facts*. She said: "As a parent, I know how difficult and worrying it can be to talk to our kids about drugs. One of the most important tools is information."

The booklet, published by the Health Education Authority and Boots the Chemist, is available from Boots stores until September 14. A survey commissioned by the chain shows that almost three quarters of parents agree they are responsible for telling their children about the dangers of drugs.

However, more than a third believe that their children know more about illegal drugs than they do and 38 per cent feel helpless about protecting their children from them. Nearly 90 per cent are worried about their children using Ecstasy. The survey questioned parents of children aged from seven to 21.

How trying to keep cool can be a headache

MEDICAL BRIEFING

THE ice-cream so gratefully licked on a hot day will, within 20 seconds, induce a severe but short-lived headache in some unlucky people. This type of headache is equally brought on by sucking ice cubes, having an ice-cold drink, or by being splashed in the face while swimming in a cold sea.

A correspondence in the *British Medical Journal* about "ice-cream headache", stimulated by an earlier editorial, revolved around the origins of the reflex which causes constriction in major arteries of the brain.

The reflex changes, which can reduce flow by a third, could be the result of an overreaction to a reflex responding to a drop in blood temperature affecting a nerve centre in the neck, or a response to a reflex triggered by a sensation of cold in the mouth, or above all the patient's palate.

Fortuitously, the *BMJ* correspondence has coincided with Migraine Awareness Week. Although the nature of ice-cream headache and migraine is very different, both are the result of changes in cranial circulation. Dr Clifford Rose, chairman of the Migraine Trust and the founder director of the Princess Margaret Migraine Clinic at the Charing Cross Hospital, London, said that two new 5HT1 receptor agonist drugs have been introduced to treat migraine attacks over the past year, another two were just about to be launched, and Imigran (sumatriptan), which had set the gold standard of anti-migraine therapy, was now available in a form which could be sniffed, acting four times faster than a tablet.

Imigran, and the new drugs Naramig (naratriptan), are made by Glaxo Wellcome and have been joined on the chemists' shelves by Zolmig (zolmitriptan). All are 5HT1 agonists and both Naramig and Zolmig are effective in smaller doses than Imigran.

If migraine occurs more than twice a month, or if the visual disturbances, photophobia, throbbing headaches, nausea, vomiting and shivering which characterise migraine are not eased by modern drugs, patients should take prophylactic treatment, often a beta-blocker tablet daily.

Whether the changes in a headache sufferer's brain circulation are the result of migraine or ice-cream, medical research has resolved their mechanism and this has resulted in better methods of avoidance or treatment.

Dr Thomas
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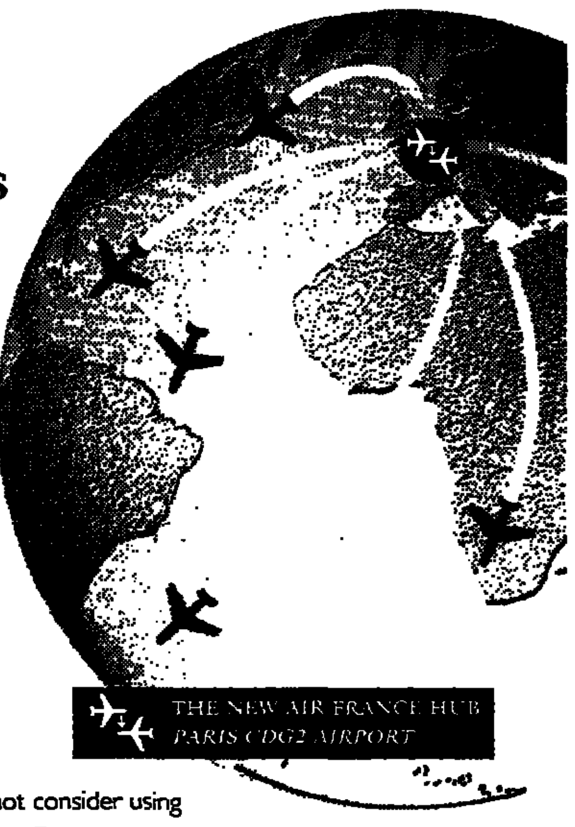
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Whales gather for feast at the men-only diner

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Reports by
Nigel Hawkes
and Nick Nuttall

BELUGA whales travel thousands of miles to meet at a "men-only *restaurant*" beneath the Arctic pack-ice, scientists have discovered. They *feast* on rich stocks of cod and halibut after *navigating* by the stars or the Earth's magnetic field.

The discovery has overturned accepted *knowledge* of whales. Dr Tony Martin, of the Sea Mammal Research Unit at St Andrews University, said *yesterday*: "The Eskimos who hunt belugas saw our findings and said they were rubbish at first."

Until *now it was* believed that the beluga, a white-coloured whale, with males up to *five metres long*, *never* strayed from the shore and estuaries of the high Arctic. But Dr Martin said their *findings showed* they *could* dive to great depths, going on journeys of thousands of miles.

The belugas also appear to *have a detection system that* can locate air holes in the pack-ice, allowing them to make their incredible journeys. The findings, disclosed at the annual meeting in Leeds of the British Association for *the Advancement of* Science, have been made possible by satellite tracking.

The British and Canadian *scientists tagged the belugas* in the Mackenzie Delta, on the Canadian side of Alaska. The whales then spend a few weeks *moulting in estuaries* in late June and July before heading to the feeding grounds.

The moulting period in shallow waters is when the whales are at the mercy of hunters. Dr Martin showed a picture of 20,000 skulls of beluga whales killed by British whalers in the last century. One big whaler from Dundee simply put a net up across a bay and shot the animals.

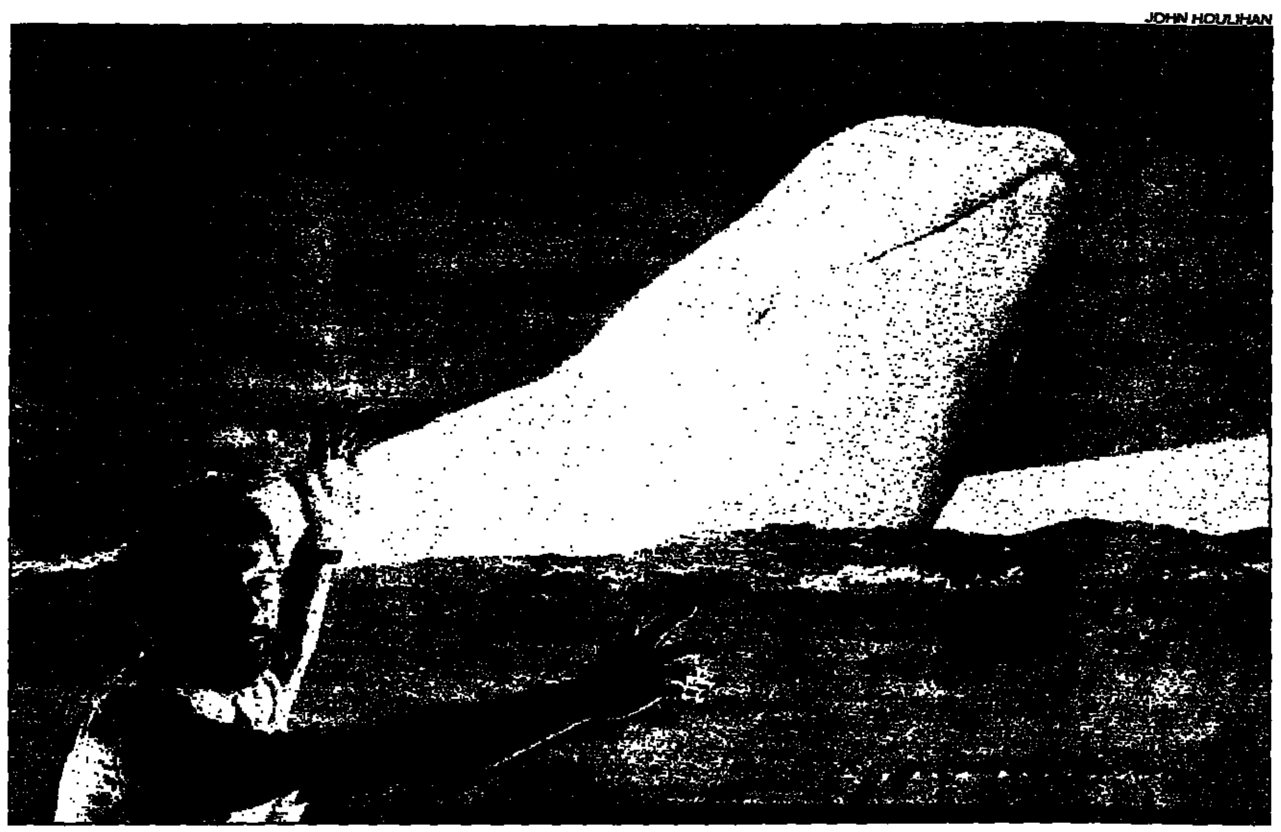
The females and the males split by Banks Island. The big males travel up via McClure Strait to the "restaurant", a *deep trench at a site called* Viscount Melville Sound. The females go to a more shallow feeding ground, the scientists *have found*, *taking young* males and females with them.

The researchers believe the different sites reflect their abilities. The males appear *able to stay down for up to* 21 minutes whereas the smaller females can only stay down for up to 16 minutes.

Dr Martin, whose work is funded by the Natural Environment Research Council, said this allowed the males to make the *hazardous* journey *to the* 550-metre trench, where cod is available "in unbelievable quantities". The "restaurant" is open for August, after *which the males head* westwards under the ice, eventually emerging through the Bering Strait.

Toothed whales, such as beluga, *have echo location* systems like bats, but the researchers suspect that they dive and listen for a "sound signature" of water moving *around air holes in the ice*.

Official estimates are that there are 18 races of belugas in the Arctic, totalling between *40,000 and 80,000 animals*. But Dr Martin said: "I now suspect that the population may be much larger, in excess of 200,000."



JOHN HOULIHAN

Tony Martin with a projection of a beluga whale. His findings were originally *dismissed* by Eskimos

Beckett calls for quality, not profit

SCIENCE should be as concerned with the quality of life as it is with *profitability*, Margaret Beckett, the Cabinet minister responsible for science, told the association.

Mrs Beckett, *making* the first statement on the Government's science policy, gave no promises of increased funding or *radical* policy departures. *Her only concrete* initiative was an annual prize, worth £100,000, to be awarded to the academic department, centre or unit *that had made the most significant* contribution towards sustaining a "healthy economy" — defined as sustainable development and a better quality of life.

Beckett: criticised lack of research by industry

She criticised industry which, she said, was not paying enough attention to *research and development*, or putting sufficient resources into it, and for the fate of many researchers forced to work on short-term contracts. "*Only those companies and* countries that have high levels of investment in skills and technologies, complemented by high levels of management *interest and attention*, will succeed," she said.

She was also critical of the slow progress made in trying to improve the career pattern of young researchers. "Many of these highly talented and committed young people have a vast amount to offer but for a tangle of reasons this potential has *not* blossomed as *it should*," *she said*. A *renewed* effort should be made to ensure better career patterns for contract researchers, not *only in universities but also in* institutes and laboratories.

Britain had a strong science base of which we should all be proud,she said, *but* as a *society we often* lacked scientific knowledge. "But what is worse and what lies behind that lack of knowledge is a *widespread* failure of imagination and understanding about the relevance, the value, and the sheer excitement of scientific endeavour in all its *many forms*," *she said. The* challenge was to improve public understanding of science, and to inspire young people to be interested in it.

Yorkshire tittle-tattle 'inspired Jane Eyre'

By Paul Wilkinson

A VICTORIAN love affair involving a teacher *called Jane* Eyre could have been the inspiration for the suppressed passion between Charlotte Brontë's fictional character and Mr *Rochester* in her classic novel.

Claims by Margaret Connor, an amateur historian, to *have discovered* the liaison are being taken seriously by the Brontë Society, which has published details of her work in its journal.

Miss Connor says the actual romance between Frances Jane Eyre and an eminent surgeon living not far from the Brontës' home at *Haworth* parsonage in west Yorkshire would have been hot gossip for the local chattering classes in the mid-1840s. *Jane Eyre* was published in 1847.

Miss Connor, a retired teacher, has spent two years researching *how* the *tale found* its way to the Brontë household through a grapevine of weekly prayer meetings, embroidery *circles and* dances.

Charlotte Brontë: would have heard local gossip

The love life of Frances Jane Eyre, a member of the Moravian church in Fulneck, *Leeds*, bears a *similarity to* that of the literary heroine. In the novel the governess's love for the father of her *pupil remains* unfulfilled *until* almost the end because of his dark secret: an *insane wife kept locked in* a *remote* wing of Thornfield Hall.

The Jane Eyre of Fulneck had her hopes of *marrying* a *Pudsey* surgeon named Machill thwarted at first because she apparently refused to sacrifice her career as a teacher in a church school. At that time such teachers were required to remain spinsters.

She first appears in church *records in* 1842, when as a woman in her twenties, she seeks membership. The following year she joined the Moravian Single Sister group and an entry in the elders' journal records that "Single Sister Fanny Jane Eyre has *formed* a connexion with a Mr Machill, a surgeon of Pudsey" but, as the relationship was "not in a state of forwardness", the elders did not object. She *last appears in* 1845 *seeking* a post in the church school.

Miss Connor first stumbled across the name in 1995 while looking into her *family history* in Fulneck's Moravian Church records. She dismissed it as coincidental until a year *later she* met an *academic* visiting Fulneck who said one of his forebears, Mary Liley, knew the Fulneck Jane *Eyre* and also *Ellen Nussey*, *one of* Charlotte Brontë's closest friends.

Liley's journal mentions: "Jane Eyre … afterwards *married to the late Dr* Machell of Pudsey", which Miss Connor took to mean that the real Jane Eyre's "connexion" had *finally gone forward*, although whether she had to change jobs or leave the sisterhood to wed is unknown.

Miss Connor believes it was likely the news of Fulneck Jane Eyre's tribulations in love filtered through local gossip *circles*. *She found* Mary Liley's cousin, Elizabeth Cockill, was an old friend of Charlotte Brontë.

Yesterday she said: "It seems that Mary Liley's journal provides a very probable link between the Fulneck Jane Eyre *and Charlotte Brontë*." The Brontë Society is to study the research.

Upland farms go downhill

By Russell Jenkins

THE upland farms of England and Wales are facing a bleak future as the next generation deserts *them*, the National Farmers Union warned yesterday.

A survey conducted by the union found *that* 43 per cent of *hill farmers* with children said their sons and daughters had decided not to take over the farm. Three quarters blamed low *incomes*.

The exodus places the long-*term* future of traditional family farms in England and Wales in jeopardy and poses a threat to rural life. The worst-affected areas are *parts of* England designated as Less Favoured Areas, such as North Yorkshire, Cumbria, the Pennines, *Bodmin Moor*, Exmoor and Dartmoor and the bulk of Wales.

Sir David Naish, the president of the union, said: "The *survey results are particularly* worrying as the hills and uplands have been farmed by the same families over the generations. With no natural successor, the upland communities face a bleak and bitter future. Our upland landscape *could* also suffer from skills such as drystone walling not being passed down the generations."

The union aims to persuade the Government that hill farming is facing a mounting crisis. Sir David and Tim Bennett, Less Favoured Areas Committee chairman, are to present ministers with a formal review emphasising the crucial role of upland areas to *the agricultural economy*.

When buses went down wrong road

ONE-MAN buses illustrate the folly of narrow-minded decision-making, according to *the president of the* association.

Sir Derek Roberts, Provost of University College London, *said*: "Somebody looked *at the* cost of the bus service and said, 'We could halve the wage bill if we didn't have conductors.' So *they did it* and made a *very marginal saving. But had* they looked at the economy as a whole, they would have seen that it made no sense.

"*We are paying* a *vast* amount to offset that saving. Apart from the impact on the quality of the service, the buses sit there emitting pollution and holding up a queue of traffic which does the same. Women are reluctant to travel on buses late at night because of the fear of threatening behaviour, *and so on*."

Had the decision been made in a *more rational* way, society would have been the richer, said *Sir Derek*, who was *making* a plea for the "*systems* approach" used by engineers to be applied more widely.

A second example was a drug *made* by the *Japanese* company Esai that could slow the progress of Alzheimer's disease. It was expensive but *brought improved quality of* life to patients, enabled carers to go back to full-time work, spared the state the cost of social security payments and *meant that the newly re*-employed carers paid tax.

Monsters of the deep thrive in ice

MONSTROUS creatures, including giant sea spiders and worms, have been discovered *on the Antarctic seabed*.

Dr Lloyd Peck, of the British Antarctic Survey, said yesterday that the low temperatures led *to very low metabolic rates among* marine creatures, allowing them to grow to bigger sizes and to live longer than comparable *creatures in warmer waters*.

Isopods — creatures rather like wood lice — reach lengths of 17cm against 3cm in *temperate seas*. Sea spiders up to 33cm from leg tip to leg tip have been discovered. They are a thousand times bigger than European sea *spiders*.

Dr Peck said that other oddities included a 10ft tall sponge, big enough for divers *to climb inside*, and *nemertean or ribbon worms that can* grow to three metres and are as "thick as your thumb".

The seabed world has emerged from studies of icebergs. When a big one grounds on the seabed it can obliterate marine communities. Smaller ones swirling *around in the sea also kill off* seabed life.

Dr Peck said that the survey had found that the diversity of Antarctic *marine life forms* rivalled the Tropics. That was partly due to the clearing out by icebergs and partly to the isolation of the continent from *the rest of the world for some* 35 million years.

Public is turned off by green confusion

THE public is confused and increasingly cynical about *claims made by environmental* experts.

Although most people would like to lead a greener life, they are *not sure* how to do it and doubtful that it would make any difference. *The messages from* government, the media and environmental groups are too complex, too confusing and *change too often for them to* know how best to respond.

Jacquelin Burgess, of the Department of Geography at *University College London*, who has carried out a study in Britain and The Netherlands, found that the Dutch were greener *than the British* and more likely to trust what they were told.

The research, carried out *from* 1993 *to* 1995 *in* Nottingham and Eindhoven, found anxieties about the environment *had been displaced by worries about crime* and unemployment.

As one Nottingham woman put it: "You have enough *pressures in your own life* — with your own problems — without taking on the world's all of the time." Dr Burgess says that the Nottingham groups conveyed "a sense of overwhelming resignation".

Dutch households in a six-month programme organised by an international charity ended up using 16 per cent less electricity, 10 per cent less water, driving 18 per cent *fewer miles and generating* 27 per cent less household waste. A similar programme will go ahead in Britain in the next year.

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You have nothing to fear from home rule, Blair tells Scotland

Nicholas Watt

on the Prime Minister's return to the devolution campaign

TONY BLAIR staked his authority yesterday on winning a double "yes" vote in Thursday's devolution referendum when he told the people of Scotland that they had nothing to fear from a parliament with tax-varying powers.

During a whistle-stop campaign tour of Edinburgh and Glasgow, the Prime Minister told hundreds of supporters that they should have the self-confidence to vote for historic constitutional reform.

Evoking the memory of Franklin Roosevelt, Mr Blair told an audience in Edinburgh: "There is nothing to be afraid of except fear itself . . . so have courage and be of good faith."

His remarks came after opinion polls showed that support for the proposed tax-varying powers for a Scottish parliament has fallen below 50 per cent. An opinion poll for *Scotland on Sunday* found that Scots plan to vote overwhelmingly in favour of a parliament, but only 45 per cent said they wanted it to have the power to increase or decrease the basic rate of income tax by up to 3p in the pound.

During an hour-long question-and-answer session at a school in Edinburgh, Mr Blair faced hostile questions about the tax-varying powers. Flanked by Donald Dewar, the Scottish Secretary, the Prime Minister acknowledged that there was "less support" for the tax plans and said he understood that people were nervous.

But in a rallying cry to the Scots, he added: "What I would say to you, to the business community, to the people of Scotland, is trust us and trust yourselves." To strong applause Mr Blair went on: "The idea that this is a power with which the Scottish people cannot be trusted I just find wrong, absurd."

Mr Blair's plea for a double "yes" vote came after the Tories stepped up their opposition. Peter Lilley, the Shadow Chancellor, entered the campaign to ask Labour how it would pay for the improvements in public services promised by ministers.

Writing in *The Scotsman*, Mr Lilley said: "Cash would need to come from one of two sources. It could be diverted from other spending areas on the rob-Peter-to-pay-Paul principle or it could come through higher taxes."

The Prime Minister, who took off his jacket for the question-and-answer session at Trinity Academy school in Edinburgh, dismissed the Tory claims as "the usual Conservative scares" and reiterated his promise not to raise income tax in the lifetime of the present Westminster Parliament. Reassuring his audience that a Scot — Gordon Brown — was Chancellor of the Exchequer, Mr Blair told the selected audience: "I say to you in all sincerity that there is nothing to be frightened of in this change. It is a good change. It is the right change for the times in which we live. It will be good not just for the people of Scotland but for business too."

In a series of interviews, Mr Blair said that the Government's constitutional reforms in Scotland and throughout Britain were designed to prepare it for the challenges of the next century. "This is all part of modernising the constitution of Britain to bring power closer to the people, to make sure that the people of Scotland can take the types of decision which affect people in Scotland."

The Prime Minister, accompanied by his wife, Cherie, relished his return to the campaign trail four months after the general election. He cracked jokes with his audience and teased Mr Dewar throughout the day. When the 60-year-old Scottish Secretary sat next to a child on a mat in a school gymnasium Mr Blair held up both hands and said: "Is he going to be able to get up again?" Mr Dewar promptly stood up, only to sit down again to resume his conversation with the perplexed pupil.

In the centres of Glasgow and Edinburgh Mr Blair received a rapturous welcome from crowds of people who thronged round his motorcade. In Glasgow he signed scores of autographs.

At his first engagement of the day, at Killermont Primary School in Bearsden, north Glasgow, a group of parents congratulated him on his role last week in responding to public criticism of the Royal Family after the death of Diana, Princess of Wales. Mr Blair told the parents: "It was very difficult for all of us . . . I cannot remember anything like it in my lifetime."

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JEFF MITCHELL

Street party: Tony Blair and his wife, Cherie, campaigning in Edinburgh yesterday

Strange alliance seems on high road to success

By Magnus Linklater

ALONG the A9 from Inverness to Edinburgh, there is unmistakable evidence of a referendum campaign leaping into life: planted along the verges at regular intervals are neat little plastic signs proclaiming the slogan YES-YES. They are fluorescent yellow, the party colour of the Scottish nationalists, and in the bottom right-hand corner is the familiar thistle logo of the SNP.

So what is this? A none-too-subtle attempt to plug the party line under the guise of a "yes" campaign? "Not at all," protested an SNP spokesman. "It's simply part of the SNP's 'yes' campaign." The distinction may well be lost on the average Scottish voter, but that is part of the price the Government has had to pay for getting the formidable nationalist machine on side.

Much of the momentum that has built up over the past 24 hours has been thanks to the party that has been Labour's sworn enemy for the best part of a generation. Thanks to Sean Connery, the man chosen to launch the "yes" campaign on Sunday alongside the Chancellor, Gordon Brown, it got off to a famous start. Mr Connery, of course, is the SNP's most celebrated supporter. The familiar gruff tones, announcing his intention to vote "yesh-yesh", failed to add that his party's ultimate aim is an independent Scotland.

For the time being, however, those differences have been sunk. The SNP's leader, Alex Salmond, said yesterday that the party was arguing for "a parliament that reflects all of Scotland", and if the polls are anything to go by that is what he will get. The great unanswered question is how the SNP will behave once it forms part of that parliament: will it use it cynically as a stepping stone to independence, or make it work in the interests of a devolved Scotland?

Mr Salmond seemed to indicate the latter yesterday, when he spoke of "a can-do parliament reflecting the can-do spirit of Scotland". The party's justice spokesman, Roseanna Cunningham, even praised the proportional representation voting system espoused by the Liberal Democrats. The referendum has produced some strange bed-fellows.

Whether they have enough time to get their point across in the 48 hours left was a major debating point yesterday. Tony Blair's presence has boosted the "yes" campaign. As last week's political hero, the man who coined the phrase "the people's Princess" and won credit for building bridges between the Royal Family and the public, he carries more than just the weight of prime ministerial office. His message, that devolution would shape Scotland's future and win it new prosperity, led all the news headlines, eclipsing even Mr Connery.

The "no" campaign continues to play the tax card and claims that it is eroding support on the second question, on tax-varying powers. But there is evidence that the tax issue may be a diminishing asset. It was, after all, used during the Tories' election campaign to spectacularly little effect: the party lost every seat. It is hard to see how this time around, despite the dark warnings of bankers and businessmen, it can turn the tide that is still running strongly in favour of a double "yes" vote.

THE SCOTTISH DEVOLUTION CAMPAIGN – WHERE DO THE PARTIES STAND?

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LABOUR

Tony Blair believes that a parliament with tax-varying powers would answer the demand for home rule while strengthening Scotland's position within the United Kingdom. Insists that limited powers to vary taxes will give the body credibility. Some observers believe Labour leadership is concerned about a "tartan tax" and is hoping privately that electorate will vote for parliament, but reject tax powers. Labour has pledged not to raise taxes in lifetime of present Westminster Parliament. Scottish parliament marks first stage of campaign to "clean up" British politics, which includes referendum on Welsh assembly and mayor of London.

LIBERAL DEMOCRATS

Scottish parliament will "blaze a trail" for constitutional and electoral reform within the UK. Lib Dem MSPs (Members of the Scottish Parliament) likely to clash with Labour soon after the parliament is established because Paddy Ashdown wants the body to introduce PR to local government elections in Scotland. Wants to root out Labour's "unrepresentative cliques". Many Lib Dems will also press for higher taxes to pay for increased spending on health and education. Ashdown says Lib Dems have most consistent position on home rule because Liberals have been fighting for a Scottish parliament for more than 100 years.

SCOTTISH NATIONALISTS

Regards the parliament as first step on the road to an independent Scotland. Joined "yes" campaign late because party was initially opposed. Signed up because party believes there will be no "glass ceiling" and Scottish people will have the right to vote for independence at a later date. SNP says: "Half a loaf is better than none." Unhappy that Westminster will retain responsibility over areas such as foreign affairs.

TIMING

THURSDAY:
Voting takes place. A simple majority will be enough to establish the parliament.

LATE 1997:
Legislation to set up the parliament to be introduced at Westminster

1999:
Elections to the 129-member parliament to be held in first half of year. Voters in Scotland's 72 parliamentary constituencies will elect one MSPs under first-past the post system, apart from Orkney and Shetland, which will be split into two. Electors will cast second vote for party to elect additional 56 members, seven from each of the eight European parliamentary constituencies

2000:
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Campaign for Genuine Self-Determination urging supporters to boycott the "rigid" referendum because claims that a "yes" vote will create a "puppet parliament". The campaigners, who are sponsored by the Communist Party of Great Britain (CPGB), want a republic in Scotland. They are calling on people to demonstrate and to hold strikes to demand a parliament with real powers to introduce socialist policies. They claim that proposed tax-varying powers will hit lowest paid and not big businesses. The CPGB has fewer than 1,000 members in Scotland.

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Few people are expected to register such a complicated vote

Hague warns Welsh against 'costly error'

Labour has a fight on its hands, reports **Philip Webster**

WILLIAM HAGUE told the Welsh people yesterday that devolution would threaten the stability of Wales and "cost them a fortune".

The Tory leader, beginning a 5,000-mile tour of Britain at which he aims to sell his plans for party reform and introduce himself to the electorate, issued his toughest warning yet against devolution.

He said that it would turn Wales in on itself, turn Welshman against Welshman, turn North Wales against South Wales, and reduce the country's influence within the United Kingdom. The number of Welsh MPs would be reduced, *the role of the Welsh secretary* curtailed and public money spent in Wales cut.

Mr Hague was boosted by an open display of dissent over devolution by two senior Labour MPs. Sir Ray Powell (Ogmore) and Denzil Davies (Llanelli) broke ranks to voice concern that a Welsh assembly would fail to dismantle the quango system left by the Tory government.

Their outspoken comments — including Sir Ray's pledge to vote "no" on September 18 — took some of the shine off Labour's campaign, relaunched after the period of mourning last week for Diana, Princess of Wales.

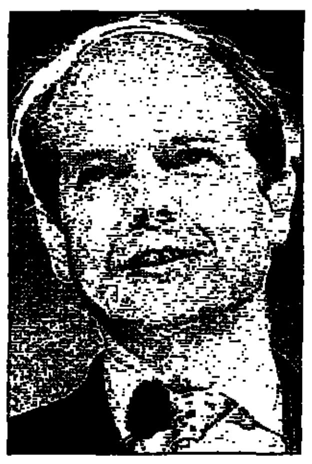
But Ron Davies, the Welsh Secretary, insisted that he was confident that Wales would vote for an assembly, which would offer a strong voice and a brighter future. He dismissed Sir Ray's declaration that the plans were "just a series of poorly thought-out promises which can be broken at any time". Mr Davies said every Welsh Labour MP had been elected on May 1 on the basis of a commitment to an assembly. "If Ray Powell has difficulty with that commitment, that is a matter for him and not me. I am confident that people in his constituency will understand the great benefits which will come to them — and to Wales — from the Government being successful in getting a 'yes' vote."

Denzil Davies said: "The Welsh Office has tried to mount a cosmetic exercise, pretending that an assembly would be able to dismantle the quangos. The point is a false one. To dismantle the major quangos in Wales needs primary legislation. An assembly would not have the power to do so. The Tory quango state would live on side by side with a Welsh assembly."

Mr Hague, who travels to Scotland today to call for a "no-no" vote, said that Wales would get the worst of both worlds, a loss of influence in the United Kingdom and no real power over its affairs. "It is a recipe for conflict and division. *Every dispute, every* disappointment and every broken promise would be used by the nationalists to undermine the United Kingdom and divide the Welsh people."

The Tories are determined to raise their profile in the run-up to the conference season. Mr Hague's travels over the next three weeks were described yesterday as "the most comprehensive single tour ever undertaken by a Tory leader". He hopes to meet thousands of voters.

Archie Norman, the Tory party vice-chairman, has provided Mr Hague with his "green paper" on party reforms. On the tour Mr Hague will seek support for the plans, telling activists that "no change is not an option".



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Fresh setback for Mir as computer suffers third crash

From Richard Beeston in Moscow

RUSSIA'S troubled Mir space station suffered a fresh setback yesterday when its computer crashed, forcing the crew to shut down all but the life support systems.

In the most serious mishap since a fresh crew arrived last month and began vital repairs to the spacecraft, mission control in Moscow reported that the ageing computer had been "playing up again".

Although Russian space officials insisted that the incident, the third of its kind in three months, was routine and that the crew was not at any risk, the problem is considered serious and could take days to repair.

Mir's computer was unplugged by mistake in July and then crashed last month after a faulty part malfunctioned during a docking procedure. On all three occasions, the crew was forced to shut down non-essential systems in order to conserve power, throwing the orbiter off course. The systems that were closed down yesterday included the Elektron oxygen-generating system and the gyrodines, the devices used to position Mir's solar panels towards the Sun.

Although on the past two occasions the spacecraft was sent spinning out of control and lost its orientation, this time the Russians claimed that Mir was relatively stable and that its solar panels were still generating power.

"The systems are all in order and as soon as the computer is repaired they can go back into operation immediately," said Vladimir Solovyov, the mission control director.

He added that the failure had been caused by a defect in one of the computer's units and by one of the programmes, which the crew would replace. "The computer contains 10,000 units, so one is bound to go wrong sooner or later," he said.

Despite his relaxed attitude, the incident does raise some troubling questions for Mir, which the Russians want to keep operational until 1999, but which faces a difficult future if the computer crashes with such regularity.

Nasa seems determined to continue its partnership with the Russian space programme. A spokeswoman for the American agency said yesterday that, despite the latest setback, David Wolf is scheduled to replace Michael Foale, the British-born Nasa astronaut, on Mir at the end of this month, when the Atlantis shuttle is due to dock with the Russian orbiter.

After his recent spacewalk to carry out repairs, Mr Foale telephoned his parents in Britain to tell them about the experience. The ten-minute link to Cambridge was made through a radio ham in Texas.

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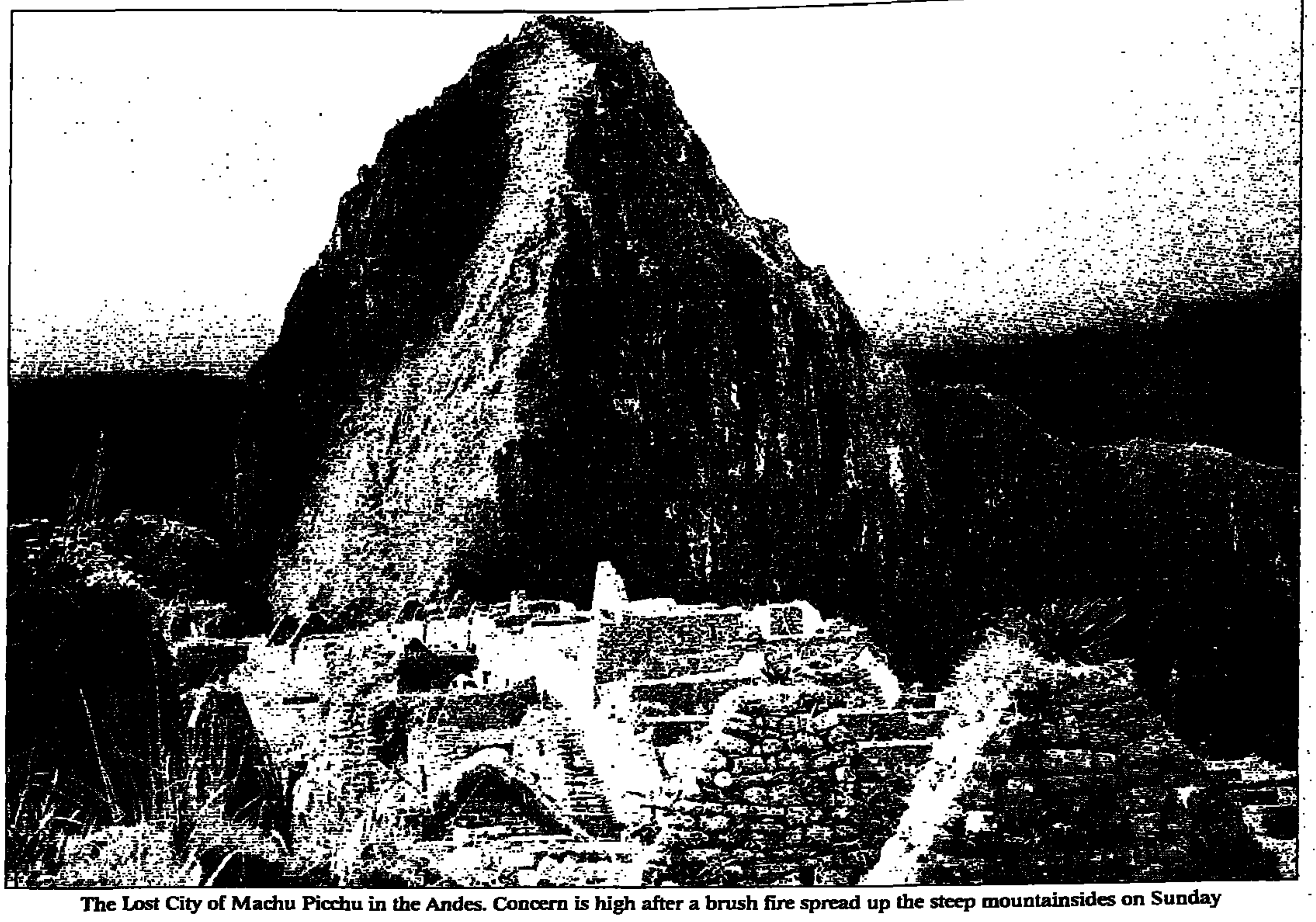


The Lost City of Machu Picchu in the Andes. Concern is high after a brush fire spread up the steep mountainsides on Sunday

Troops halt huge blaze on fringes of Incas' Lost City

By Gabriella Gamini, South America Correspondent

PERUVIAN officials are urgently trying to assess the extent of damage to Machu Picchu, the Lost City of the Incas, after a huge brush fire spread up the steep mountainsides of the ancient complex of temples and palaces.

The fire was put out successfully but there are fears that it could reignite in the dry and windy conditions in the Andes. More than 350 members of the army and police fought the flames that spread across lush vegetation towards the 8,855ft high peak on which the citadel is perched.

Homero Nurena, Peru's civil defence chief, said: "We are now assessing the damage caused to the ancient ruins. The fire came within metres of the Inca city and there has to be an archaeological investigation to see what was destroyed." He added: "We remain on alert as there are still fears that the fire could restart."

The severe drought conditions are being blamed for the fire which is believed to have started naturally. The blaze engulfed 99 acres of low shrubs on Sunday before it was extinguished yesterday morning.

The flames were put out using water from the two rivers, the Urubamba and Aobamba, which flow through lush valleys 2,300ft below Machu Picchu. "It was lucky that we had a water supply to douse the flames," Señor Nurena said. "Other Inca ruins are in remote and high-altitude Andean areas where water is sparse."

The Lost City of Machu Picchu, one of Latin America's most famous tourist attractions, was proclaimed a World Heritage Site by the United Nations. It receives about 1,000 visitors a day during the dry season which begins in June and ends in December.

The ruins were discovered under thick jungle vegetation by Hiram Bingham, an American archaeologist, on July 24, 1911. Between 1912 and 1915 he brought in a team to clear the overgrown vegetation and discovered a maze of complex structures that continues to provide an invaluable source of knowledge about the Incas' advanced engineering skills.

Archaeologists say the exceptionally high quality of stonework and the abundance of ornamental, rather than practical, structures suggest that the citadel was an important ceremonial site for the warrior tribe. Although it stands on such high ground, it is very difficult to see from the surrounding valleys.

Caribbean states hit by banana trade feud

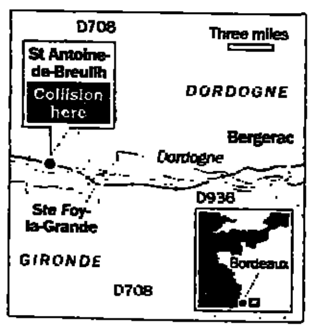
From Charles Bremner in Brussels

THE European Union is struggling to find a way of shoring up the economies of the Windward Islands and other Caribbean banana-growing states after the World Trade Organisation upheld American complaints that Europe gave them unfair access to its market.

The decision by a WTO appeal panel, to be confirmed this month, has brought to a climax the US-EU feud over a protected banana trade that is the lifeblood of former British colonies such as St Lucia, St Vincent, Dominica and Grenada.

The United States Government, under pressure from big American-owned export companies, challenged the EU "banana regime", which grants special import quotas and tariffs to fruit from certain nations in the Caribbean and Africa, mostly former British and French colonies.

The small states, which depend on banana exports for up to 70 per cent of their income, say they cannot compete with the low-cost Latin American product, mainly exported by American companies. The Caribbean accounts for 15 per cent of the EU banana market, and the industry brings in more than £200 million a year to the region. Eastern Caribbean leaders have told President Clinton that their economies face collapse if their European market is cut off, which could endanger democracy and increase the drug trade.



12 die as train hits tanker in France

From Ben Macintyre in Paris

AT LEAST 12 people were killed and more than 30 injured yesterday when a passenger train hurtled into a petrol tanker on a railway crossing in southwest France.

The express train, travelling from Bordeaux to Bergerac in the Dordogne, struck the tanker, carrying 30,000 litres of fuel, just before noon near the village of Saint-Antoine-de-Breuilh. The vehicle burst into flames and the train's engine and first carriage were destroyed by fire, which spread rapidly to nearby buildings.

Ten fire engines and 160 firefighters fought the blaze as 23 ambulances and two helicopters ferried victims to hospitals at Bordeaux and Limoges.

Police said the tanker had bypassed barriers to cross on to the track. The train driver was killed instantly. The tanker driver was critically injured. Officials said some bodies were so badly burnt that immediate identification was impossible. Four people were in a serious condition last night.

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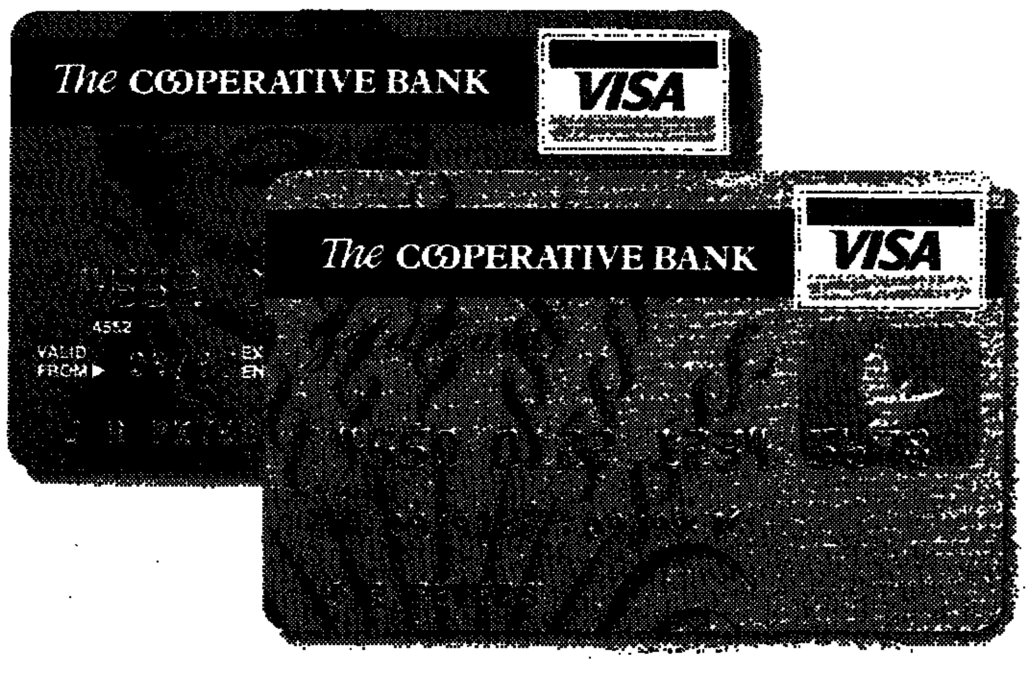

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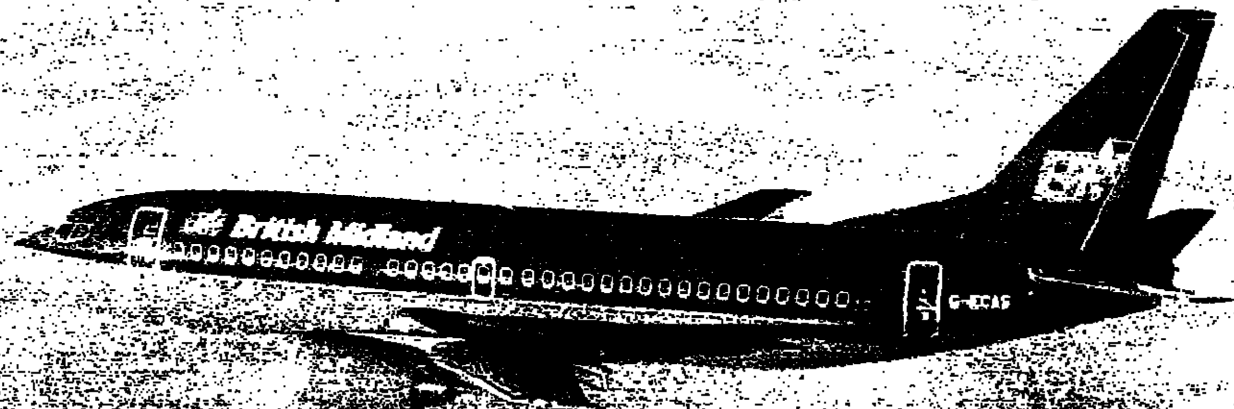

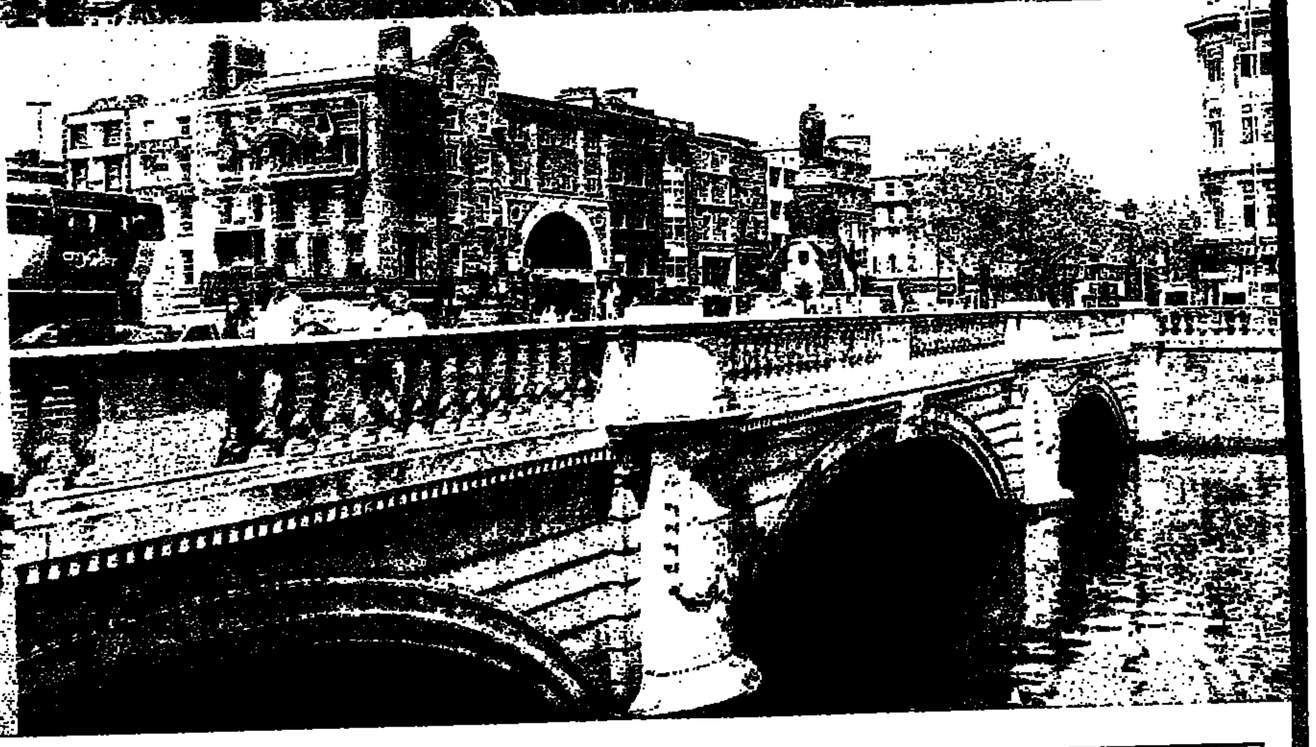

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Republicans home in on Gore as claims of Chinese plot misfire

A former actor turned senator has not been able to produce evidence backing his allegations that the White House solicited illegal campaign funds, **Bronwen Maddox** writes from Washington

PRESSURE is mounting on Vice-President Al Gore to testify before the Senate committee investigating campaign finance. Two prominent Republicans on the committee are calling this week for Mr Gore to provide more evidence about his attendance at a fundraising event at a Buddhist temple.

But the new focus on Mr Gore is a powerful sign of what Republicans admit in private: the three-month Senate investigation is falling far short of their hopes. Fred Thompson, the committee's Republican chairman, has failed to sustain his opening declaration that he knew of a Chinese plot to influence the White House. This weekend, as members of Congress tussled over the autumn agenda, it became clear that campaign finance reform will not be achieved this year.

Arlen Specter and Don Nickles, both Republican senators on the committee, have called on Mr Gore this week to "speak out" on whether he knew the 1996 gathering at the temple was a Democratic fundraising event. Republicans have seized on disclosures that Mr Gore had a greater part in fundraising than he previously admitted as their best chance of damaging his bid for the White House in 2000. But in the process the governmental affairs committee has wheeled away from its original, more controversial target — proving that the Democratic National Committee or the White House knowingly solicited illegal foreign contributions, particularly from China.

When the hearings began in July Mr Thompson, a former actor, used all his Hollywood instincts to steal the show by claiming that the committee had "uncovered a significant amount of documentary and other relevant information" about a "plan hatched during the last election cycle by the Chinese Government and designed to pour illegal money into American political campaigns".

On August 1, after three weeks of hearings, Mr Thompson was forced to concede, according to reports, that "we do not know to what extent" China tried to influence the elections, and that there had been "some confusion in terms of what was said and what was intended" by his claim.

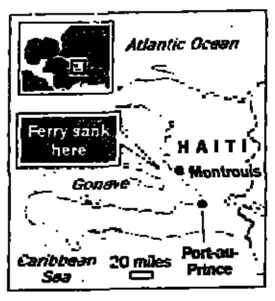
Mr Thompson's mistakes in chairing the committee are spelt out this week in a ferocious, detailed attack by the *New Republic*, a left-leaning but Clinton-bashing political weekly.

Under the heading "Thompson blew it", the magazine accuses Mr Thompson of blundering badly in his choice of witnesses. Rather than turning to experts on China, he relied on Thomas Hampson, head of a small private investigative firm in Illinois, to paint a portrait of Lippo Group, a conglomerate registered in Indonesia, as essentially Chinese in its activities and management. That was a task Mr Hampson largely fluffed.

Despite his Hollywood credentials, Mr Thompson has been blamed for failing to inject drama into the televised hearings. He "had been billed as a slow-speaking, somewhat bumbling country lawyer on the surface, but underneath a savvy and determined advocate", the *New Republic* argues. In reality, despite "moments of acuity . . . his line of thought often appeared obscure".

Nor, it appears this week, is the committee's second stated aim of campaign finance reform likely to be achieved. The issue was strikingly absent from a list of 41 themes drawn up by Republican leaders in the House of Representatives to be tackled this autumn. The Bill put forward by John McCain, a Republican senator, and Russell Feingold, a Democrat, now appears a non-starter, senators say in private.

☐ **Little Rock:** The two main lawyers for Paula Jones in her sexual harassment suit against President Clinton asked a court to let them withdraw from the case, citing "fundamental differences" with her. They said that they could no longer represent Mrs Jones, who filed a $700,000 (£435,000) lawsuit against Mr Clinton three years ago. *(AP)*



Fears of 400 dead in Haiti ferry sinking

FROM DAVID ADAMS IN MIAMI

UP TO 400 people were feared drowned yesterday after an overloaded ferry sank off Haiti.

Local radio stations reported that about 60 people managed to reach the shore, but the majority of passengers on the *Fierte Gonaiviene*, a 60ft wooden sailing vessel, were missing. Within a few hours of the ship sinking, at least 25 bodies had been washed ashore.

US Coast Guard vessels, which patrol the Windward Passage between Haiti and Cuba, were sent to search for survivors.

"The Haitian Coast Guard has three boats on the scene and they are reporting about 300 to 400 dead," Petty Officer Scott Carr said at US Coast Guard headquarters in Miami. "We are not sure if it capsized or sank."

The US Coast Guard sent a helicopter to help the search. Two more helicopters from a United Nations peace mission in Haiti were also assisting.

The ferry sank at dawn between the small port of Montrouis, about 50 miles north of Port-au-Prince, the capital, and the island of Gonave, which lies a few miles off the coast.

Local ferries, which carry food to Gonave and charcoal to the mainland, are often overloaded. Despite numerous tragedies in the past, Haitian ferry traffic is almost wholly unregulated.

The *Fierte Gonaiviene* had an estimated capacity of about 300 passengers, but witnesses said she left port with up to 800.

In February 1993, more than 1,000 people died when the ferry, *Neptune*, sank on a regular trip between the capital and the port of Jérémie. At the time, the Haitian junta failed to respond to the disaster, setting off a political outcry which fuelled hatred of the military regime.

Last year Haiti's new civilian Government created the country's first Coast Guard, which has been undergoing training under American supervision. But it has only three or four 25ft vessels and remains incapable of dealing with a disaster of this magnitude.

Mother Teresa to be buried in house of prayer

FROM CHRISTOPHER THOMAS IN CALCUTTA

MOTHER TERESA is to be buried in a room at Mother House, headquarters of her Missionaries of Charity order, one of two Christian centres in the city where prayers are held non-stop. It was her wish to be interred where there was constant prayer. The city authorities have declared the building a heritage site.

There were queues a mile long yesterday to see her body lying in state in a glass casket in St Thomas's Church, beneath a huge stained-glass window. Nuns from the Missionaries of Charity, wearing their familiar blue-and-white saris, sang hymns and chanted prayers in Bengali, Hindi and English.

Children in school uniform, children from her orphanages and thousands of poor people stood in monsoon rain for a chance to file past the body. It is not customary for Christians in India to display the dead, but the Missionaries of Charity decided this should be an exception in response to popular clamour for a last look at the "Saint of the Slums".

The lawns outside the church were festooned with flowers, some of which workmen arranged into a giant message: We Love You. The chanting of prayers and displays of religious devotion gave the scenes inside the church the aura of a Hindu temple. For many, it was their first time inside a church. Mother Teresa thought she would be buried at another church in Calcutta called St Michael's — there are five bearing the same name — because of its constant prayers. But the order's general council decided it would be more fitting to keep her at Mother House, a modest building down a narrow alley off a busy main road.

The first door on the right of the alley leads into what will become a shrine to Mother Teresa, 87, who died of a heart attack on Friday night. The private chapel used by the nuns will be moved downstairs to be closer to the remains of the Albanian-born nun, who founded the order 50 years ago. It does charity work in more than 100 countries.

The building is now effectively a monument to one of the most remarkable women of the 20th century, whose work earned her the Nobel Peace Prize in 1979. The Vatican announced that the Pope would send a special representative for Saturday's funeral Mass. A host of other foreign dignitaries will attend.

Mother Teresa's presence at Mother House was always low-key: she wore nothing but cheap cotton saris, which were sometimes so old they had tears in them. She was often barefoot, but otherwise wore sandals bought in the local market. She ran her order with almost military discipline and strictly imposed codes of poverty and obedience. Flags on government buildings in Calcutta are flying at half mast. The military, officials from the Missionaries of Charity and senior government bureaucrats are working out arrangements for Saturday's ceremonies, designed to express spectacularly India's feelings for a Christian who touched the nation more than any other foreign-born person.

Her body will be handed over to the control of the military on Thursday, in accordance with custom for a state funeral. On Saturday morning, it will be taken on a gun carriage, draped in the national flag, from the church for Mass at the city's Netaji indoor stadium, which can hold 12,000 people. The subsequent interment will be attended only by members of the order because there is so little space, although huge crowds are likely to gather near by.

Yesterday St Thomas's was overwhelmed by the desire of people to see her body. Roads around the church were sealed to traffic and it was decided to leave it open 13 hours a day.

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DOUGLAS CURRAN / EPA

An altar boy and a nun keep vigil inside the church where Mother Teresa's body is lying in state

Martial arts saved Israeli girl from suicide bomber

FROM CHRISTOPHER WALKER IN JERUSALEM

AS THE Israeli death toll from last week's triple suicide bombing in Jerusalem rose to five, a Jewish girl told yesterday how lessons in martial arts had saved her life after one of the three guerrillas grabbed her by the hand.

"The [Islamic] terrorist gave me a scary look and grabbed my hand tight," said Mital Perry, 17. "When he grabbed me, I instinctively used a release method I learned in a tae kwon do class, and stuck my elbow in his stomach. I managed to run two or three paces and then heard an enormous explosion and flew backwards." Miss Perry, who was lightly wounded in the pelvic area, told the Hebrew daily *Yediot Aharonot*.

The Israeli student said: "I came up from the Zion Square side and about midway noticed three men who looked suspicious. I kept walking towards them and then they split up. The terrorist quickly came over to me. I thought, 'I am about to die'. The tae kwon do saved my life."

The fifth Israeli victim to die as a result of the attack was named as Eliyahu Markovitch, 40. Hospital officials said that his 11-year-old son was still seriously ill.

☐ **Hebron:** Israeli soldiers bound and severely beat a Palestinian in this West Bank town yesterday and then fired teargas when passers-by attempted to intervene. The Israeli Army said that Ashraf al-Hdoush, 20, had attacked an Israeli soldier at a checkpoint, but a witness said: "15 soldiers took him out of the car, bound him and beat him until blood started gushing out of his mouth and ears."

Aisheh Midyeh, an elderly woman, said she got a knife from her house and returned to try to free Mr al-Hdoush's hands as he lay bleeding on the ground. She said: "The soldiers took the knife from me and accused Hdoush of acquiring a weapon and arrested him." *(Reuters)*

New York judge asks shrink to rule in dog-eat-dog dispute

FROM TUNKU VARADARAJAN IN NEW YORK

A JUDGE has ordered a dog to undergo a "full psychological examination" to determine why it bit off a woman's thumb as she struggled to rescue her pet puppy from its jaws.

The incident occurred two years ago when Grace Shen, now 62, was walking Casper, her minuscule West Highland terrier, outside her home in the Bronx. They taken a few leisurely steps when a large chow, three times the size of Casper, bounded up and sank its jaws into the dog's neck.

Mrs Shen tried to prise open the chow's jaws. The larger dog, Chester, let him go, but not before biting off her right thumb. It was later sewn back on, but Mrs Shen, a nurse, claims that she can no longer perform intricate tasks requiring the use of her thumb.

Mrs Shen sued the dog's owner, Oleg Kornchenko, a security guard at the Russian Mission to the United Nations, for $10 million (£6.2 million), for trauma suffered by her and her dog, and for the loss of feeling in her thumb.

Yesterday Judge Barry Salman of the State Supreme Court ordered Mr Kornchenko to take Chester "forthwith" to an animal behaviourist to determine whether the dog has a "vicious propensity". Mr Kornchenko's lawyers had argued that the puppy should be also be examined, but the judge ruled that there was "enough prima facie evidence to conclude that Casper was a mild-mannered dog".

☐ **Pet craze ends:** Nine months after the film *101 Dalmatians* hit America's screens, prompting a craze for the breed, hundreds of Dalmatians are being handed in to animal shelters across the country. One shelter in New York said that many people, seduced by the dogs' cuddly screen image, had been unprepared for the breed's energetic manner, hot-headedness and general recalcitrance.

WORLD SUMMARY

Wartime stress 'led to killing'

Los Angeles: A former prisoner-of-war went on trial yesterday for the murder of his British son-in-law, claiming to have "snapped" because of traumatic wartime memories (Giles Whittell writes).

Lawyers for Richard Keech, 77, are to argue that when he shot dead Nicholas Candy, 47, last year he was in the grip of post-traumatic stress disorder caused by beatings in Japanese prison camps.

Mr Candy, from south London, was in the midst of a bitter child custody battle with Mr Keech's daughter when he visited the Keech home to pick up his two-year-old son and was shot after an argument.

North Sea air crash

Oslo: An 18-seat French-built Super Puma AS332 helicopter crashed into the North Sea off Norway with the feared loss of the ten passengers and two crew on board. Wreckage and an empty liferaft were found and several bodies recovered, but there were no immediate reports of survivors. The aircraft had been on its way from Bronnoysund, about 450 miles north of Oslo, to an oil production ship 150 miles offshore in the Norne field. *(AP)*

Mayor guilty of race hatred

Paris: Catherine Mégret, the far-right National Front Mayor of Vitrolles in southern France, was given a three-month suspended prison sentence yesterday for promoting racial hatred (Ben Macintyre writes). She was fined Fr50,000 (£5,000) but the court stopped short of the demand that she be declared ineligible for public office. She had said immigrants were only in France "to take money".

Officials deny Abacha is ill

Lagos: Officials in Abuja, the Nigerian capital, denied a report in *Tell*, an opposition magazine, claiming that General Sani Abacha, 53, the country's military ruler, is "very sick" with cirrhosis of the liver. "We deny that this story is correct. I do not know where they got their information from," one official at the presidency said. *(AFP)*

Cyprus court fines soldiers

Nicosia: Three Royal Signals Regiment soldiers were fined £200 each by a Cyprus court for indecent behaviour and causing malicious damage while off-duty from training, the Army said. They were caught naked at a public pool in the Ayia Napa resort on Sunday morning. *(Reuters)*

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Sylvester Stallone meets driver Michael Schumacher at Monza at the weekend

Stallone swaps narcissism for introspection

FROM RICHARD OWEN IN ROME

FORGET *Rambo* and *Rocky*: Sylvester Stallone yesterday announced a new, softer and more cerebral persona for his next run of films.

"The cult of the body is narcissistic and self-defeating," Stallone said in Rome, where he was laying the foundation stone of a new Planet Hollywood theme restaurant. He said his next project was a film set in the world of Formula One racing. "But it will be a psychological study. I'm not even sure I'm going to star in it myself."

He told one Italian newspaper: "I've had success few people can dream of, but for the past 11 years I have led a shallow and egotistical life. My eyes have been opened, and I'm turning over a new leaf." Even his political views have changed, he said: as *Rambo* he had supported the right-wing policies of Ronald Reagan, "but now I support the more liberal views of President Clinton".

At 51, Stallone may be slowing down a little. He said the birth of a child suffering from heart problems had made him realise "how short, fragile and precarious life is". He put on weight for his last role as a paunchy New York policeman in *Copland*, shown last week at the Venice Film Festival. The cop, Freddie Heflin, is far removed from Stallone's normal muscular supermen; he is a loser, with a messy love life and no career prospects.

Yesterday, Stallone, who is of Italian-American origin, used his visit to Rome to announce that he had signed a deal with Bernie Ecclestone, the owner of Formula One, allowing him to make a film set in the high-octane world of motor racing. "It's an idea I've had for some time," he said. "This deal has taken two years to put together."

Would he play a racing champion himself? "No, I am not sure I am going to be in it at all, and if I am, I'll probably play someone behind the scenes." His idea was to follow "the lives, characters and lifestyles" of four racing drivers: one based on Michael Schumacher, one on Damon Hill, and one on Giancarlo Fisichella, the Italian Formula One driver who raced at Monza at the weekend and was with Stallone yesterday.

"The fourth driver will be someone who buys his way into the sport. I'm not going to name names, I don't want to get anyone angry." His aim was to make a psychological study. "This is not a gimmick. It will not be a one-man movie."

One of his entourage confided that Stallone might make another *Rambo* movie, but it would present a different style of hero, "more introspective, more thoughtful, with character development". This was a bit much for Italian reporters who resorted to asking him what his favourite food was. "Ice cream," he responded.

But Stallone, who looked slim and fit despite his weight increase for *Copland*, insisted he had "lost his muscles". He posed with one of the historic cinema artefacts to be displayed at the Rome Planet Hollywood: the camera used by Marcello Mastroianni in *La Dolce Vita*, valued at $250,000 (£155,000).

He then emerged to an ecstatic welcome from the crowd outside who chanted "Rocky, Rocky", apparently oblivious to his change of image. "It's great to be an Italian," Stallone told them, in English, before heading for the airport and Miami.

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Mobutu legacy of corruption stifles Congo

By Sam Kiley, Africa Correspondent

MOBUTU SESE SEKO, who reduced Zaire to poverty and chaos during 32 years in power, died on Sunday in exile *in Morocco after* a long battle with prostate cancer.

His relatives said he would be buried in Morocco but that the arrangement *was* provisional, suggesting that his final resting place could still be his homeland. Mobutu's legacy of a corrupt style of government — that led to the coining *of the word* "kleptocracy" — will take far longer to erase in Zaire, renamed the Democratic Republic of the Congo after his removal.

Laurent Kabila, who marched across 2,000 miles of *jungle to drive Mobutu* out of office with the help of troops from Uganda and Rwanda in May, is *inching* towards reforming a state that was allowed to implode by Mobutu. But serious questions remain over whether Mr Kabila is the real power in the Congo, since his armed forces *still rely heavily* on Tutsi manpower from Rwanda.

"The jury is still out on Kabila and his entire regime. There has been a marked improvement in attitude compared to the Mobutu era. People turn up for work and corruption is being weeded out, civil servants are getting paid. But he has yet to cement his support among the urban elite, *without* whom he cannot hope to govern effectively," said a Western *ambassador in* Kinshasa, the capital.

Yesterday, Mr Kabila left *for* Kigali, *the Rwandan* capital, where he was to hold talks with Paul Kagame, the Defence Minister and Vice-President. Mr Kagame admitted recently to having sent officers and large numbers of troops to fight in Mr Kabila's rebellion that toppled Mobutu.

Although Mr Kagame has *insisted that all the men have* now returned home, residents of Kinshasa say that many of Mr Kabila's troops are unable to speak Lingala, the lingua franca of the Congo, or French, the official language. One human *rights* source said yesterday: "You now need to speak Swahili and English to get by around here. We're part of East Africa now."

Since taking power, Mr Kabila has moved swiftly to rebuild the shattered economy. In the past three months, his Government signed mining *contracts worth about* $3 billion (£1.9 billion) with foreign investors. He has also broken *the De Beers monopoly* of the diamond industry by opening it to competition.

For the first time in three decades, ministers who take bribes may be prosecuted. In July, Mr Kabila's former Finance *Minister,* Mawapanga Mawa Nanga, was the subject of a police inquiry after allegations *of corruption were made.*

The President's main challenge is to defend himself *against charges that he will be* "another Mobutu" by addressing domestic and international calls for greater democracy, *while* rebuilding *a nation* 80 times the size of Belgium, its former colonial master. The *country* has *no road or rail* routes linking its main cities and has a per capita income that is too low to warrant *measuring. Key towns such as* Kikwit, 200 miles east of the capital, have no regular power *supply. In towns, trees grow* through the tarmacadam of main streets and transistor-radio batteries are a forgotten luxury.

Pro-democracy activists who opposed Mobutu — but *never took up arms — have* complained bitterly about the new regime's curbs on their right to demonstrate for greater freedoms. *Human rights* groups said yesterday that a student was killed last week in clashes with troops on Kinshasa's main campus. At least 20 demonstrators have been killed in recent *demonstrations calling for greater rights.*

GERARD FOUET / EPA

President Mobutu reduced his mineral-rich country to poverty and anarchy during 32 years in power

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Dictator who delighted in chaos and witchcraft

Mobutu had a warped sense of humour, but the joke was invariably against his own people, **Sam Kiley** writes

"YOU know what his name really means?" smirked Mobutu Sese Seko Kuku *Ngebendu wa za Banga's* Minister of Information.

"It's not what we tell you — about him being the warrior *who will never be vanquished* and all that. It means 'the cockrel who jumps all the chicks in the farm yard'," he snickered. "The old *man has* cuckolded all his potential opponents."

Hours after this bizarre encounter I met Mobutu. The low vulgarity of his minister was but a pale reflection of the *high-kitsch leader himself.*

In 1991, many of the once-gracious avenues of his capital had been reduced to rubble after an orgy of looting which he orchestrated. The army, Civil Service and health *workers had not been paid* for months, and his Government was on the point of revolution.

But Zaire's President could not have been happier. Wearing a bright Mao-style jacket and a leopardskin hat, he *traded insults with angry* students on the lawn of his marble palace in Kinshasa, and *shook the hand of* Etienne Tshisekedi, the opposition leader he had just appointed Prime Minister, with a look of smugness.

The pleasure Mobutu took in discomfiting his enemies, *in co-opting them into his web* of intrigue and corruption, and his genuine enjoyment of *the chaos he caused in his country were the* hallmarks of his 32 years in power. They were also the cause of his *downfall this* year.

The tall and charismatic *Joseph Desire Mobutu took* power in a military coup in 1965. A former journalist and one-*time CIA agent, his early years in power were marked* by self-aggrandising and corrupt buffoonery which had *the support of Washington,* which saw him — as one State Department official put it — as "*a bastard, but our bastard*" during the Cold War.

His absolute rule through the Popular Movement for *the Revolution*, a *party neither* popular nor revolutionary, was shored up by Western *allies* who feared that Zaire's vast natural resources, including uranium, oil, diamonds, and 60 per cent *of the world's cobalt, would* fall into Kremlin hands. Until *the United States and the* World Bank cut funding to his Government in 1990, *Mobutu was convinced* he would rule Zaire until his death. By then he had unleashed a policy of "authentication" *on the country*, banning Christian names and Western dress. He drove *away foreign capital.*

But the signs of the collapse of his country were all around him. At his palace he could *not have failed to note that the* walls were cracking, the plush red carpets were soggy, and *the gardens were a mess, with* fountains choked and marble paths overgrown.

Rattled by his rejection by *the West, he turned to West* African *marabouts*, or witch *doctors, at the end of the* 1980s. They reassured him with the prophecy that he would never be deposed while he lived on water, so he moved his home to the *Camanyola* steamer moored *on the Congo River.*

Isolation was all he needed to ignore the cries of a people from *whom* he stole at least £5 billion. The *marabouts'* promises and a policy of unleashing the army on looting *rampages* whenever the opposition gained strength seemed to him the potion that *would keep him in power.*

Confidence oozed from his greetings. When he put a large hand on my shoulder at a *reception one temporarily* forgot that the man was a *murderer* who killed those whom he could not buy.

His rule by chaos kept him in power *until Laurent* Kabila, in a rapid military advance across the country, proved to Zaireans that the *emperor* had no clothes. Until it was too late, Mobutu neither knew nor cared, and his *administration had long since* been overtaken by despair.

At another of his palaces, this one alongside the *Camanyola*, I walked past his ceremonial bodyguard — pygmies in Napoleonic cavalry *uniforms, high boots and* plumed hats that covered their faces. One could only assume that he had a sense of humour. But the joke was on Zaire.

Support for Royal Family falls in Australia

From Roger Maynard in Sydney

AUSTRALIAN support for the monarchy has plunged to an *all-time* low *since the death* of Diana, Princess of Wales, while republican support has *soared, an opinion poll* has found.

The survey, which was conducted three days after the Princess's death, found that 53 per cent of Australians favoured a republic, compared with 47 per cent of those questioned in a similar poll last year. Support for a constitutional monarchy also fell from 42 per cent to 37 per cent.

Australian newspapers said *the results of the poll reflected* anger against the Royal Family for not publicly displaying *grief until* after heavy criticism. The survey also found that one in three of the 44 per cent of people who were readers of tabloid newspapers or women's magazines would read such publications less *often* as a result of the Princess's death. A further 76 per cent demanded tougher laws *to protect the privacy* of public figures.

Last night, John Howard, the Prime Minister, gave a warning of the danger of the republican debate being influenced by the death of the Princess. Calling for a *considered* debate on the issue, he said he hoped that the strong *emotions stirred last week* would not affect Australians' attitudes to whether they wanted to become a republic. "I hope it's done in an informed, calm way and not under the shadow of a really *very traumatic week," he said.*

Asked about the Royal Family's handling of the events of the past week, Mr Howard said: "They really are in a damned-if-you-do, damned-if-you-don't situation. If they had *been too fulsome publicly* at the beginning, people may have accused them of hypocrisy. By not doing that at the beginning they have been accused of reticence — it's a very difficult situation."

Howard: call for debate to be informed and calm

RADIVOJE PAVICIC AP

Bosnian Serb policemen check cars entering *Banja Luka yesterday*

Banja Luka thwarts Karadzic supporters

By Our Foreign Staff

BRITISH troops and police loyal *to the Bosnian Serb* President, Biljana Plavsic, foiled plans for an explosive rally in her stronghold by *her foes, supporters of* Radovan Karadzic.

Only some 500 Karadzic supporters appeared in the centre of Banja Luka at the appointed hour, chanting anti-Plavsic slogans and waving Karadzic posters. *Tensions were high, with riot* police guarding Mrs Plavsic's office and the main television studio. *Pro-Plavsic* people, vastly outnumbering those at the failed rally, booed, jeered and chanted.

With just three days left until *municipal elections in Bosnia*, Dr Karadzic's Serbian Democratic Party (SDS) is in disarray. Banja Luka is at *the heart of the SDS's problems*, and *senior* leaders of the party began arriving in the town at the weekend to pave the way *for a rally.*

Biljana Plavsic, the moderate Bosnian Serb leader who has been given *political and military support* by the West in her struggle against Dr Karadzic, was taking no chances and *ordered her police out in force* around Banja Luka. They were backed up by armoured personnel carriers belonging to the Krajina Corps, the element of the Bosnian Serb army most loyal to Mrs Plavsic.

British troops in Nato's Stabilisation Force initially merely kept a watchful eye, but *yesterday they were deployed in* large numbers on the road east of Banja Luka, the main axis with the Karadzic bastions of Brcko, *Bijelina, Zvornik and the* Drina Valley. A British Sfor spokesman said that American troops had *joined the operation further east,* guarding the strategic Brcko corridor which links Karadzic-controlled eastern Bosnia with Mrs Plavsic's *western territory.*

Tokyo on alert as gang wars erupt into street battles

From Robert Whymant in Tokyo

TOKYO police were put on *alert yesterday as a power* struggle in Japan's biggest crime syndicate threatened to erupt *into* a *full-scale gang* war. Shots were fired at a gang-leader's house, the latest in a spate of shootings, *and* police said that a bitter struggle among *yakuza* (gangsters) belonging to the Yamaguchi-gumi group was only just beginning.

Police are bracing for fur*ther retaliatory* attacks triggered by the killing of Masaru Takumi, the number *two man in the 18,000-strong* Yamaguchi-gumi on August 28. Takumi, 61, was shot in *Kobe* by *four gunmen* believed to be members of a rival group.

The *death* of a bystander hit by a stray bullet shocked a nation that prides itself on safe streets and one of the world's lowest rates of crimes involving guns.

The cause of the current *strife* is said *to* be the declining strength of the *yakuza*, 40 per cent of whom belong to *the Yamaguchi-gumi. Lucra*tive rackets such as extortion, prostitution and gambling *have been hit by Japan's* prolonged economic recession. The gang's front businesses *such as property* and restaurants are also bringing in less money. The Organised *Crime Control* Law, *intro*duced in 1992, has further reduced the pickings.

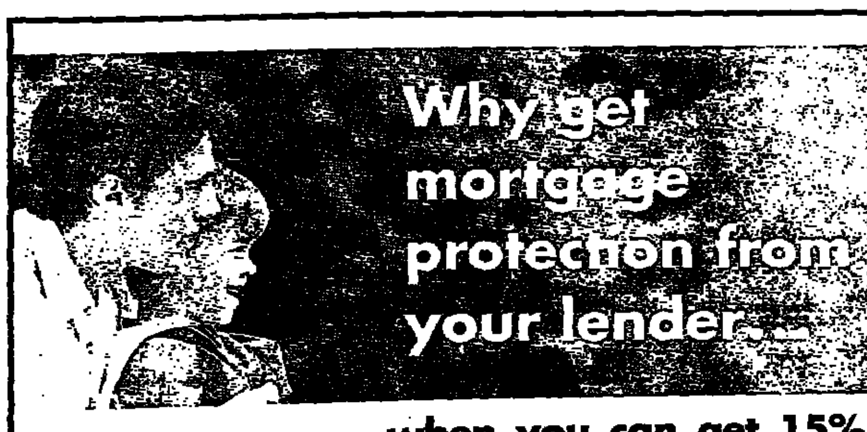
Since police began *their crackdown, crime syndicates* have been forced to streamline operations. This has led to a great deal of bitterness among *those who have lost their livelihoods.* Unemployed *yakuza* — conspicuous by ther gaudy tattoos, and *missing little fingers severed* in a display of loyalty — are not the immediate choice of *personnel managers hunting* for new staff.

Takumi, the slain gang leader, was a strong believer in the *yakuza* tradition of not causing trouble to the public, and was at pains to improve *the* Yamaguchi-gumi's image: it was his idea to start a soup-kitchen for Kobe earthquake *survivors two years ago.*

But he attracted hostility for his tough restructuring meth*ods. Weaker groups within* the Yamaguchi-gumi were dissolved when their bosses *died or retired, and their* members pushed out. In particular, a group called the Nakano-kai objected to the way Takumi was running the syndicate.

Last week Yamaguchi-gumi leaders decided to expel this group's boss, Taro Nakano, because of his suspected in*volvement* in Takumi's death. The Nakano-kai is believed to be the target of the daily *shooting incidents in which* two suspected *yakuza* have been wounded so far.

☐ *Second term:* Ryutaro Hashimoto, Japan's Prime Minister, was automatically re-elected to a *second term* as President of the ruling Liberal Democratic Party (LDP) yesterday when no other candidates came forward to challenge him. Mr Hashimoto, 60, will remain Prime Minister.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The love that showed up on film

In the first of three extracts from her new book, **Anne Sebba** examines Malcolm Muggeridge's role in the Mother Teresa phenomenon

MOTHER TERESA
Beyond —the— image

The beginning of the Sixties coincided with a tremendous momentum in Mother Teresa's charitable operation. She started to win international awards for her work, many of them with large cash prizes. There was a potent sense of idealism around, which she harnessed better than anyone else. There was a distinct feeling that here was someone who was actually doing something to right the ills of the world instead of merely demonstrating, or smoking dope, while talking of doing something.

Anyone who lived through the 1960s must remember the experimentation, the restlessness and the confusion, especially among the young. All ages react against their parents, but the 1960s were particularly vocal in dismissing the false conclusion of the previous age and in continuing to search for certainty or reassurance. Malcolm Muggeridge appeared to many to personify this quest for true goodness, or saintliness or moral truths.

Muggeridge was, in the early 1960s, not merely an agnostic but a mocker of religion in general. Born in south Croydon in 1903, he represented himself as an agonised seeker after truth who, in his youth, had flirted with the notion of becoming a priest. He made his name as a journalist on the *Manchester Guardian* and in 1934 had gone to live in India, working on the English-language *Calcutta Statesman*. On his return, he became a feature of London literary life, partly because he had by now found his form as a writer, but also for the regularity with which he had affairs or made passes at women.

In 1968, in a rather inspired piece of casting, Oliver Hunkin, then head of religious broadcasting at the BBC, asked Muggeridge if he would do a short televised interview with a little-known nun from India. "He was rather put out," Hunkin recalls, "because it was such short notice and she could only spare us an hour."

> 'It was for me one of those special occasions when a face seems to stand out from all other faces'

Muggeridge had not heard of Mother Teresa, but he read up the biographical notes and agreed to come to a small religious house, the Holy Child Convent in London's West End, to shoot the interview.

There were no intellectual fireworks; Mother Teresa, already small and wrinkled, appeared slightly halting and nervous as Muggeridge put the expected questions. When did she first feel this special vocation? Any doubts or regrets?

"Mother Teresa's answers were perfectly simple and perfectly truthful," Muggeridge explained later. "So much so that I had some uneasiness about keeping the interview going for the required half-hour. Controversy, the substance of such programmes, does not arise in the case of those who, like Mother Teresa, are blessed with certainties."

So ordinary was the interview that there was even some question about whether it should be broadcast. But it was transmitted in May 1968 in a BBC Sunday night series, called *Meeting Point*.

Afterwards, there were critics who recognised the extraordinary chemistry at play between the two protagonists, but there were many more members of the public who, moved by Mother Teresa's account of her work for the sick and poor of Calcutta, sent donations — according to one account £25,000 resulted from this single interview, although no appeal had been made.

All the accompanying letters made similar remarks about how Mother Teresa's words had spoken to them in a way that nobody else's ever had. Bemused BBC executives decided to repeat the programme rather quickly — with an even greater response.

Muggeridge said he never imagined that anything memorable had been recorded. And yet he was smitten. He had known that from the moment she walked into the room. "It was for me one of those special occasions when a face, hitherto unknown, seems to stand out from all other faces as uniquely separate and uniquely significant, to be thenceforth forever recognisable.' Almost immediately, he worked to persuade the BBC to send him with a film crew to Calcutta to record Mother Teresa in action. In the spring of 1969, he went with Peter Chafer, the producer, and Ken Macmillan, the award-winning cameraman, to make three religious films in India. Although initially reticent, Mother Teresa had apparenly been persuaded to co-operate by Cardinal Heenan, Archbishop of Westminster. She agreed, she told Muggeridge, "if this TV programme is going to help people love better".

In his account of the filming, Muggeridge recounts how, while Macmillan and the sound recordist were setting up their equipment, Mother Teresa suggested going up to the chapel together and praying. "I readily agreed . . . We knelt side by side." Thus, from the start, Muggeridge became part of the myth of the film he was making.

The next five days are shrouded in a fairytale cloak of divine protection. That a 50-minute documentary could be made at all in five days, rather than the normal two to three months, was, Muggeridge asserts, extraordinary to a miraculous degree. Secondly, the filming proceeded with quite exceptional smoothness and speed, with none of the usual breakdowns and crises. "All this, as anyone with experience of filming expeditions will know, amounted to a kind of miracle," Muggeridge wrote.

But the "actual miracle", which has prompted considerable debate since, concerns shots taken inside the Home for the Dying, which Macmillan was initially uncomfortable about filming. "This Home for the Dying is dimly lit by small windows high up in the walls," wrote Muggeridge. "Mr Muggeridge's way with a fact has always been cavalier," commented Bernard Levin, in hi essay, *Mugg's Game*. But all the same, "small"? I recall them as arched, approximately three foot six high and three foot across . . ." Facts do seem to be often ignored in this discussion, which usually centres on the nature of "kindly light", which Cardinal Newman refers to in his well-known hymn. Muggeridge, convinced he had witnessed the first authentic photographic miacle, wrote: "This love is luminous, like the haloes . . . round the heads of saints. I find it not at all surprising that the luminosity should register on a photographic film. The supernatural is only an infinite projection of the natural."

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The story of the miracle set the agenda for the next 20 years, whereby the assumption grew that God's hand was directing Mother Teresa

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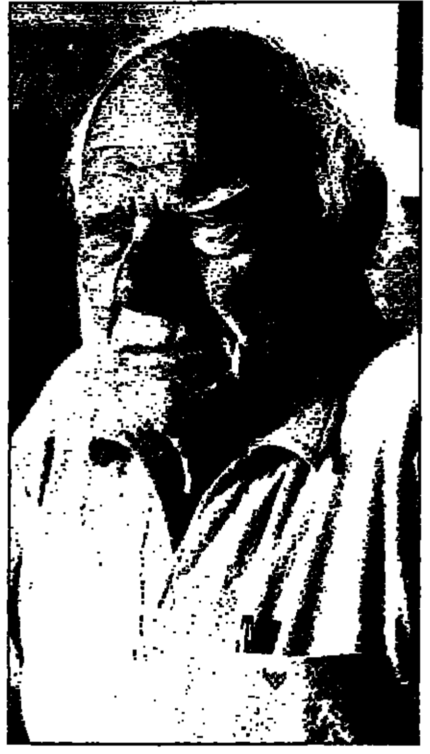

Muggeridge: personified quest for truth

In all events, Macmillan was adamant at first that filming was impossible in the Home for the Dying: the crew had only one small light and to get the place adequately lit in the time at their disposal was impossible. He had just taken delivery of some new film, which they had not even had time to test. Because of this, he agreed to have a go. "So we shot it. And when we gotback, we were sitting in the rushes theatre at Ealing Studios and eventually up came the shots of the Home for the Dying, and you could see every detail. I said 'That's amazing, that's extraordinary'. And I was going to say, three cheers for Kodak. I didn't get a chance, though, because Malcolm said 'It's divine light! It's Mother Teresa. You'll find that it's divine light, old boy.' And then I found I was being phoned by journalists from London newspapers saying things like 'We hear you've just come back from India with Malcolm Muggeridge and you were the witness of a miracle'."

With the filming completed, Muggeridge returned to England only to find the "miracles" continuing when he discovered that the film was already in the right shape and hardly needed editing. Mother Teresa wrote to him shortly afterwards: "I can't tell you how big a sacrifice it was to accept the making of a film — but I am glad now that I did so because it has brought us all closeto God. In your own way try to make the world conscious that it is never too late to do something beautiful for God."

Chafer, the producer, who describes himself as not religious, nonetheless insists that his life was permanently affected by making this film. "She is one of the most extraordinary people I have ever met. Very practical and running a very tight ship. I think she's awfully good at being a nun. The lady has such an enormous personality that for me, all other preconceptions went out of the window." Chafer is not prepared to stake an opinion on the miracle debate. "All I know is that I was *extremely grateful to have my* film. But it was not my film that put Mother Teresa on the map. No, it was her. If she had not had her own charisma it would not have worked. She definitely has something going right."

Chafer was not alone in this view. It is impossible to know precisely what impact the film had in persuading young women to enter the Missionaries of Charity because, within Roman Catholic circles, Mother Teresa was fairly well known. Yet by 1970 they were flocking to join, and in that year alone 139 new candidates were received into the society.

How important is it for Mother Teresa to be a miracle-maker? A saint these days is still, strictly speaking, required to have performed or been responsible for two miracles for beatification and two more after beatification for canonisation. If the case is based on "virtue" rather than "martyrdom", more might be required. And yet that is not what all the fuss is about, as the Pope can decide to dispense with the requirements. Muggeridge was not making a premature case for Mother Teresa's canonisation. He was trying to refute the then common assumption that science had all the answers, to the discredit of religion. But the story of the miracle was important because it set the agenda for the next 20 years whereby the assumption slowly grew that God's hand was directing Mother Teresa, and to question anything she did was therefore unacceptable.

Chafer described to me the process of anyone who she felt was damaging the cause as being "fingered by God". The sisters' conviction that God is directing them, because their prayers are answered so often by clothes, medicine or money, and even on one occasion by a snowplough to help during a hard winter in New York, has persuaded many of a less credulous bent to believe that there must be some higher purpose to all that they do.

This is the fundamental basis upon which rests everything else the Missionaries of Charity do, and the real importance of Muggeridge's film is that it gave credence to this fundamental belief.

To challenge, to question or to doubt is to confront a much higher authority. All but the most ardent atheist does so at his or her peril. It is this, emanating from Muggeridge's film, that has helped to make Mother Teresa in the words of the journalist Christopher Hitchens the "least criticised human being on Earth".

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Juliette Dominguez on her simulated blind date with "Nick Brown", alias Dr Eyal Pavell: "I was dissected on every level, from my appearance to the level of interest I showed in him"

Single New Yorkers usually have only one shot at making a good impression, so many find it pays to consult a specialist, writes **Juliette Dominguez**

Dating in New York is fraught with hazards. Just meeting another single (and romantically willing) person is an obstacle course of blind dates, dating services (such as "It's Just Lunch", which caters for busy professionals), the personal ads or just plain luck.

Even if you meet someone, there is another hurdle: most single New Yorkers have pared their personal lives down so much that the average date lasts no more than an hour, the same amount of time you might spend at a job interview — *which is just how many New Yorkers view the dating process.*

Ruthlessness runs through every social engagement — you have one shot at making the right impression on your date. Francesca Castagnoli, 26, a writer for *Mademoiselle* magazine, says: "New Yorkers are goal-orientated, and the attitude on a date is 'This is my job, this is what I do, and we have 40 minutes to hang out to *see if you're on my wavelength — otherwise, scram'. If a date is not instantly* rewarding, they would rather not make the effort. People are wedded to their jobs, personal trainers and aerobics classes, where there is a guaranteed reward and satisfaction. They don't want to spend unnecessary time on dating."

This attitude inspired three psychologists — Dr Valerie White, Dr Ann Demarais and Dr Eyal Pavell — to form a new dating service, First Impressions. Launched six months ago, it is open on Saturdays and some weekday evenings. The aim is to arm yourself for your date as you *would for an interview.*

Dr White, 34, and Dr Demarais, 37, have drawn on their experience of coaching executives of *Fortune* 500 companies on communication skills. "When we meet someone for the first time, there is often a gap between the way we are perceived and the ways others perceive us," says Dr White. "F.I. can bridge that gap. By interacting with you on *a simulated date, then giving you feedback on the impression you make,* an F.I. consultant [several other psychologists work part-time] can show you how to capitalise on your best qualities."

For a fee, of course — analysing your dating skills will cost you $200. And isn't there a danger of clients and doctors falling in love?

They shake their heads vigorously. "For a start, we are all in long-term relationships. Secondly, it would be highly unprofessional to want to date a client," says Dr Demarais. They're not joking. I was asked to sign a "*Participation Agreement*", which stated: "I understand the date is purely a simulation and that there will be no physical contact between myself and the dating consultant. I agree not to pursue the consultant for social or romantic encounters."

> 'They are wedded to their careers, personal trainers and aerobics classes, where satisfaction is guaranteed'

With this in mind, I decided to *take the bull by the horns and offer up my soul for inspection,* and see if *my rusty* skills (I *am* happily attached) could be put back into use.

I was waiting, my palms sweating, at the designated spot in SoHo, downtown New York, when a tall, dark and attractive stranger asked me if I was his blind date. I nodded *and followed him into the* Paninoteca Café. *After introducing himself as management consultant* "Nick Brown", our date got under way. For the next hour, we discussed everything from the latest movies, books, politics and our respective professions to more personal topics, such *as family relationships.*

The *date seemed to run* smoothly, we got on amicably enough, and at the end he asked me out on a second date. I accepted happily enough, then realised it was time for the tough part. We arranged to *meet* back at the F.I. offices half an hour later, where we spent the next two hours evaluating my performance.

"Nick", alias Dr Pavell, 33, started by saying that he would focus on my positive aspects first. He consulted a checklist as long as my arm, filled with comments such as "does not discuss health excessively", "does not discuss marriage", "*is not excessively self-focused*", "*does not fidget*", "does *not express boredom by* yawning". I was dissected on every level, from my appearance, conduct and sense of humour to the level of interest I showed in "Nick".

"You exuded self-confidence, and I was very comfortable with you most of the time," says Dr Pavell. "You are 'high performance' — you score *well on most levels, and don't have any big problems — just* a few negatives. For example, it felt like you were interrogating me when you asked 'What is your type?' That is too premature to ask on a first date. And you must allow more room for your date. I felt I didn't have the chance to offer you a drink when we first sat down, and *you tended to steer the conversation — it is a two-way street.*"

And my ideal mate? "Someone similar, who has the same kind of lifestyle and interests. You are a 'birds of a feather' type. Don't go for someone *who is your opposite*." Luckily, my boyfriend, *Michael, is rather like me.*

So who uses the service? Dr Pavell says there are two general types: "The less confident, who find it hard to get a date, and even harder to make one stick. They are introverted, visibly more nervous and not comfortable with themselves. *I had a very shy woman who was silent* throughout the date and kept disappearing off to the bathroom for ten minutes at a time. I helped her to realise the other person may feel just as nervous, and to channel this nervous energy into something positive, into letting the real person shine through.

"Another type has gone on hundreds of dates, and is very *high-performing* — a Wall *Street professional,* say, *who has social graces down to a T. And there are those who've* been out of the game for years, and find themselves divorced or widowed, or are unfamiliar with dating in this city or country."

One recent client, David Carr, 32, is a civil lawyer who lives in Manhattan. "I've been single and dating for a long time. Several times things have *not* worked out and *I couldn't understand why. I felt like there was something I wasn't picking up on.*

"The service was insightful. I found that although my conversational skills were good, and I came across as confident, I focused too much on myself, and was prone to bragging. There was an imbalance in the conversation; apart from feeling self-centred, *I was listening to what the other person had to say with only half an ear, and making* insincere comments. I was communicating that the other person really wasn't important to me.

"I was happy for someone to put it into words, and help me start remedying my negative points. I pay a lot more attention to my date, am less dominant and really listen to what they have to say. And it *has worked. I've seen one girl three times, and as I don't want to mess it up,* I've decided to go on a follow-up session at F.I. to fine-tune my skills."

Chloe Adams, 36, is an engineer who had been married for ten years before being thrust back into the world of singledom. She has dated sporadically, but felt people *seemed to be taking* her the wrong way.

"I wanted an *objective* third party to look at how I interacted and give me tips on how I could improve. I realised I came across as too aggressive. I've slowed down since. It helped me to see what my strong points were as well, and has given me a renewed sense of pride and confidence."

So is this just another neurotic New York fad, or is there really a need for it in a city renowned for its breakneck pace of working, living and now loving? A *New York Post* columnist, Amy Kean, says: "People just don't have time to make mistakes or experiment. And people love hearing more about themselves.

"But it's not a bad idea, either. *If you are going out dozens of times, and making the same turn-off mistakes, then it's best to discover what* you're doing wrong."

Over the next couple of years, F.I. hopes to franchise the service and expand to Chicago, Los Angeles and San Francisco. And it is looking at London as a potential site, too.

"Londoners are just like New Yorkers — they are busy and career-driven, they are living in a multicultural *environment and they use dating* services and personal ads, like us. I'm sure we could be of use there," says Dr Demarais.

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Richard Cork surveys the work of the Mexican revolutionary, in life as in art, David Alfaro Siqueiros

Look back on a lifetime of anger

One night in May 1940, David Alfaro Siqueiros, his wife, brother and two friends, burst into Leon Trotsky's house in Mexico City. Cornered in his bedroom, the exiled Russian was easy prey. But Siqueiros and his heavily armed associates bungled the assassination, firing through the closed bedroom door while Trotsky hid under the bed.

What had started out as a murder attempt ended in farce. Having failed to pin suspicion on his arch-rival Diego Rivera, Siqueiros found himself hunted by the police and, after Trotsky was killed by others in August, imprisoned. As a Stalinist hitman, he had been a disaster. But as a fiercely committed revolutionary muralist, he went on to become a hero in his own country. Public buildings across Mexico City are still emblazoned with his dynamic, belligerent wall-paintings, executed on the grandest scale imaginable.

How can such an artist ever be represented in an exhibition? The question hangs over the Whitechapel Art Gallery's survey of one tumultuous decade in Siqueiros's long career. Starting in 1930, when he was arrested and incarcerated in the Lecumberri Penitentiary, the survey brings together many of the most important easel paintings and graphic works he produced over the next ten years. But an exploration of his murals is inevitably confined to a video screened in the gallery, and it cannot hope to convey their sheer visceral impact.

Compared with their headlong fervour, the pictures assembled at the Whitechapel seem disappointingly subdued. Predominantly dour, the paintings suggest that Siqueiros had a puritanical mistrust of colour. His murals prove otherwise; but when at work away from the hospitals and palaces where his headiest ambitions were fulfilled, he sacrificed all that exuberance for a darker alternative.

Once I had adjusted to the gloom, though, Siqueiros's individuality began to emerge. In a 1934 self-portrait, he refuses to see himself as a static, contemplative character. Executed in a typically idiosyncratic combination of black crayon and tempera on a zinc support, it shows him with mouth parted and wild, protruding eyes. The white marks slashed across his forehead, nose and cheek look as aggressive as warpaint.

No wonder he was so often jailed. The pursuit of art alone, divorced from political struggle, would never have satisfied this instinctive activist. He gave up painting altogether in the late 1920s, devoting himself instead to militant union struggles. But after meeting Eisenstein in 1931, he turned back to art and held his first one-man show the following year.

> A disaster as a hitman, he became a hero as a muralist

The sombre mood of his pictures is understandable, given the time Siqueiros had spent in prison. Most of the figures he paints are alone, and hard to discern in the shadows encircling them. One seated woman is based on a 60-year-old peasant who offered to pose for her portrait. But Siqueiros made her gaunt, hooded face look younger, and she hugs herself on a hard, coffin-like box as if desperate for comfort.

Siqueiros's brushwork is the opposite of seductive. He heaps on the pigment until it forms a heavily corrugated surface, so solid that the images end up with a strong sculptural presence. He often painted on burlap, and its thick, bristly texture adds to his work's uningratiating air. Art, for Siqueiros, had nothing to do with hedonism. He dedicated himself to the plight of the oppressed, and refused to indulge in facile optimism.

Prison subjects proliferate in the early 1930s, and the people they depict are anonymous embodiments of anguish. Two Indian women stand tense and motionless, their heads hidden by blue shawls. They seem to symbolise a permanent state of mourning. Although a cluster of women in another painting push back their head dresses while waiting outside a penitentiary, Siqueiros declines to give them any facial features.

Only when a claustrophobic prison cell is revealed, with torture in progress, do the figures take on a more specific identity. But the moustachioed man hanging by his thumbs from the ceiling is still generalised. He signifies the suffering of all Mexicans victimised by the suppression of the country's Communist Party. And the two sprucely uniformed guards staring up at him are no more particularised. One of them wags a finger at the dangling man, as if to admonish him for his screams.

Siqueiros himself seems to have been spared torture during his incarceration at Lecumberri. Ever resourceful, he used fragments of crates to carve a series of 13 small woodcuts. Subsequently printed on bright orange tissue paper, they are among the liveliest and most concise of all his works. Their mood, however, remains uncompromising. Single figures of prisoners, bound and helpless, are juxtaposed with ranks of identical, implacable guards. For all the prints' grimness, though, some highlight more tender feelings. A faceless mother clasps her child in a passionate embrace, as if afraid that her offspring might be snatched away like so many other women's husbands and sons.

Soon afterwards, Siqueiros painted a much larger picture of a child alone. The boy's expression is stunned, and he slumps onto the pavement like a bewildered orphan with nowhere else to go. Siqueiros became preoccupied with the plight of all those Mexicans bereaved and impoverished by the perpetual internecine conflicts. One of his most monumental easel paintings shows a *Proletarian Mother*, hunched and squatting against bleak brick walls. They hem her in, and the three infants surrounding the woman claw despairingly at her body. Paralysed by wretchedness, she makes no attempt to reassure them. The children seem to increase their mother's misery, reminding her how incapable she is of alleviating their distress.

Siqueiros became even harsher when he painted a *Proletarian Victim*. Full-breasted and sinewy, the grey-haired woman is built according to heroic proportions. But her limbs are trussed tightly with thick ropes, and blood seeping from a gunshot wound in her head shows she has been executed. Painfully pressed in close-up against the rasping, hairy surface of the burlap, the corpse shows Siqueiros's eagerness to break out of the easel picture's confines.

His decision to paint it with pyroxylin, a commercial enamel initially used for the exteriors of aeroplanes, also demonstrates his willingness to experiment with new media. This technical innovation came to a head when he moved to New York in 1935. Establishing a major workshop where his students included Philip Guston and Jackson Pollock, he encouraged them to drip and pool their paint. The significance of this unfettered approach for the development of postwar American abstraction hardly needs stressing.

But Siqueiros himself stayed faithful to figurative art, and the paintings of the late 1930s benefited from a new boldness. Ceramic fragments are used with oil and pyroxylin in *The End of the World*, a fiery and apocalyptic protest against the Luftwaffe's bombing of Toledo. Siqueiros became so involved with the Spanish Civil War that he gave up art for two years. Even so, he returned to painting with renewed power. *Down but not Defeated* is his pugnacious title for the coiled, muscular figure who hits the ground in a wrenchingly foreshortened pose. Although the man has been defeated by Franco, his fists remain tightly bunched and his hair fizzes with nervous resilience.

Siqueiros's baleful 1939 self-portrait is mesmeric, centred on a bloodshot eye widened in foreboding. He looks older now, and manic enough to embark on the Trotsky escapade a year later. But the anguish in his furrowed face is prescient, too, gazing with alarm at a world on the edge of annihilation.

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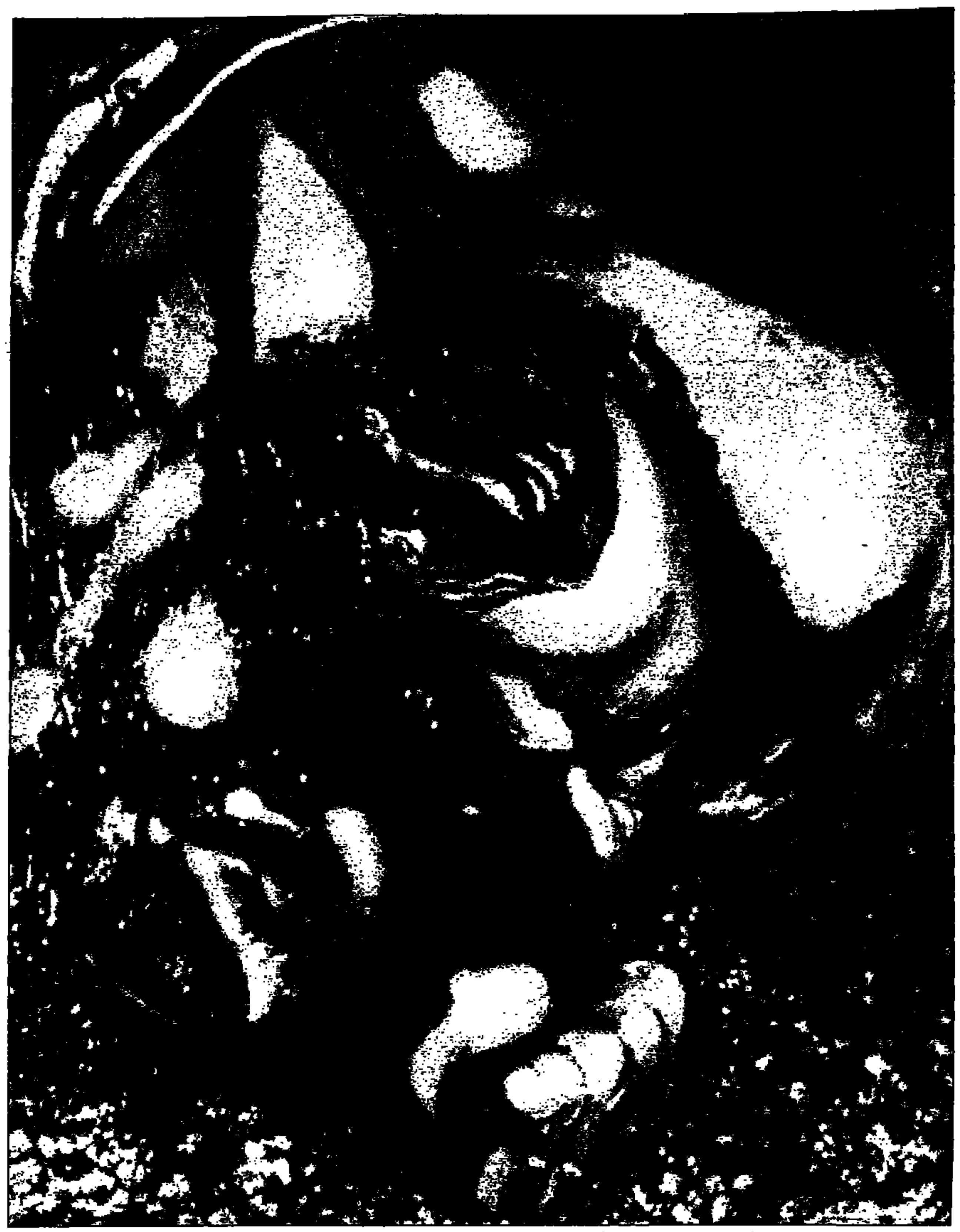

Siqueiros's association with the Spanish Civil War informed the powerful portrait *Down but not Defeated* (1939)

LONDON GALLERY ROUND-UP

THE installation by the Canadian artist **Doug Brown** in and around empty classrooms over a disused swimming pool in a foundling hospital is gently confusing. Brown shows his well-finished, smoothly sanded sculptural pieces, plays recorded sounds of children playing on a beach and has even stretched a painted tarpaulin across an empty blackboard. But it is difficult to know where the independent autonomous art work stops and the installation starts, and the metaphor becomes overstretched.
Thomas Coram Foundation, 40 Brunswick Square, WC1 (0171-278 2424) until Oct 1

DUNCAN CARGILL has chosen to show a series of straightforward formal paintings by **Peter Davis** to launch his new gallery. Thin fine stripes repeated methodically on a deep aluminium base build a level of pressure across each painting, using a now very familiar language — dark blue, light blue or pink and apricot. The colour starts to look as if it has been drawn from too obvious a range of permutations, so these relatively small-surfaced paintings probably work better on their own than in a group.
Duncan Cargill Gallery, 22 Warren Street London W1 (0171-388 3603) until Oct 25

SACHA CRADDOCK

Venus at the double

BBC PROMS

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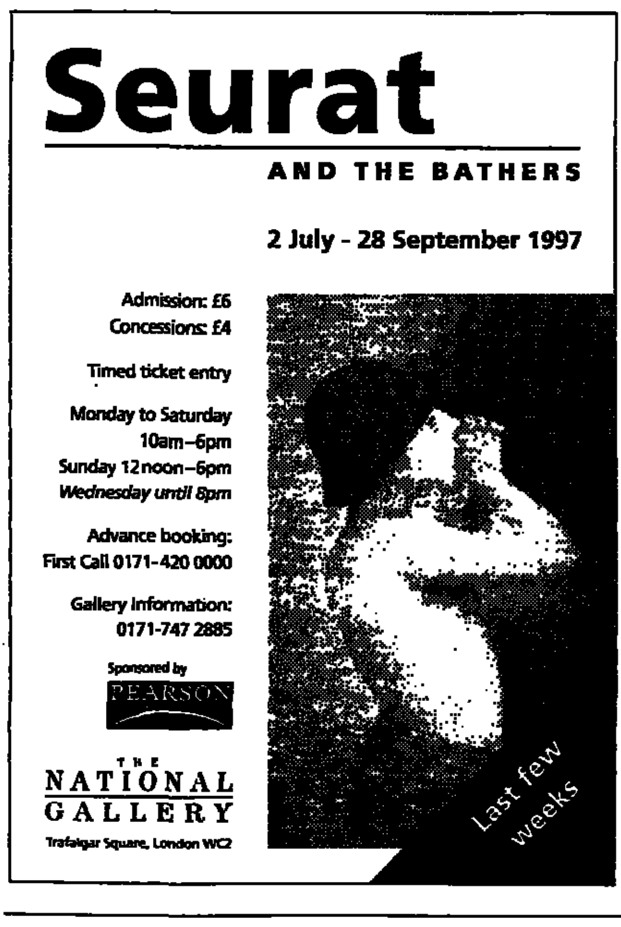
THE world's attention was directed elsewhere in Kensington on Friday, which may explain the poor attendance for the UK premiere of one of Hans Werner Henze's most accessible works. *Venus and Adonis*, described by the composer as "an opera in one act for singers and dancers", was received rapturously when it was first given by the Bavarian State Opera in January, and it was easy to see why.

Henze's librettist, Hans-Ulrich Treichel, has come up with a complex dramatic structure that depends on a staging to do it full justice. The three principal characters — Venus, Adonis and Mars — are dancing roles, doubled by a Prima Donna, Clemente (an opera singer) and the Hero-Player, who are rehearsing a Venus and Adonis opera, paralleling the action at every turn. There are also six "madrigalists" whose choral commentaries punctuate the action, and three more dancers playing a stallion, a mare and the wild boar that finally kills Adonis.

In this concert performance we were denied the dancers and thus the entire double-frame of the action. In musical terms, however, the evening was a triumph. Henze deploys the orchestra skilfully, dividing it into three ensembles, each associated with a principal. Climactic outbursts are generally reserved for the series of seven instrumental boleros, and Markus Stenz was careful to subordinate his BBC Symphony Orchestra forces to the demands of the vocal lines. The idiom has a neo-Romantic, Mediterranean warmth, making the final threnody, with alto saxophone and a quartet of horns, unbearably moving.

Evelyn Herlitzius, who has the incisiveness of a young Felicity Palmer, was outstanding as the Prima Donna, Christopher Ventris a lyrical Clemente, and Ekkehard Wlaschiha, best known in London for his menacing Alberich in the Covent Garden *Ring*, brought some of the gruffness of that role to the Hero-Player. Given the madrigalian element of Henze's work, and the inspiration of Monteverdi in particular, it was fitting to devote the first half to madrigals from that composer's Eighth Book. Their contrasting characters were vividly realised by Paul McCreesh's Gabrieli Consort and Players.

BARRY MILLINGTON



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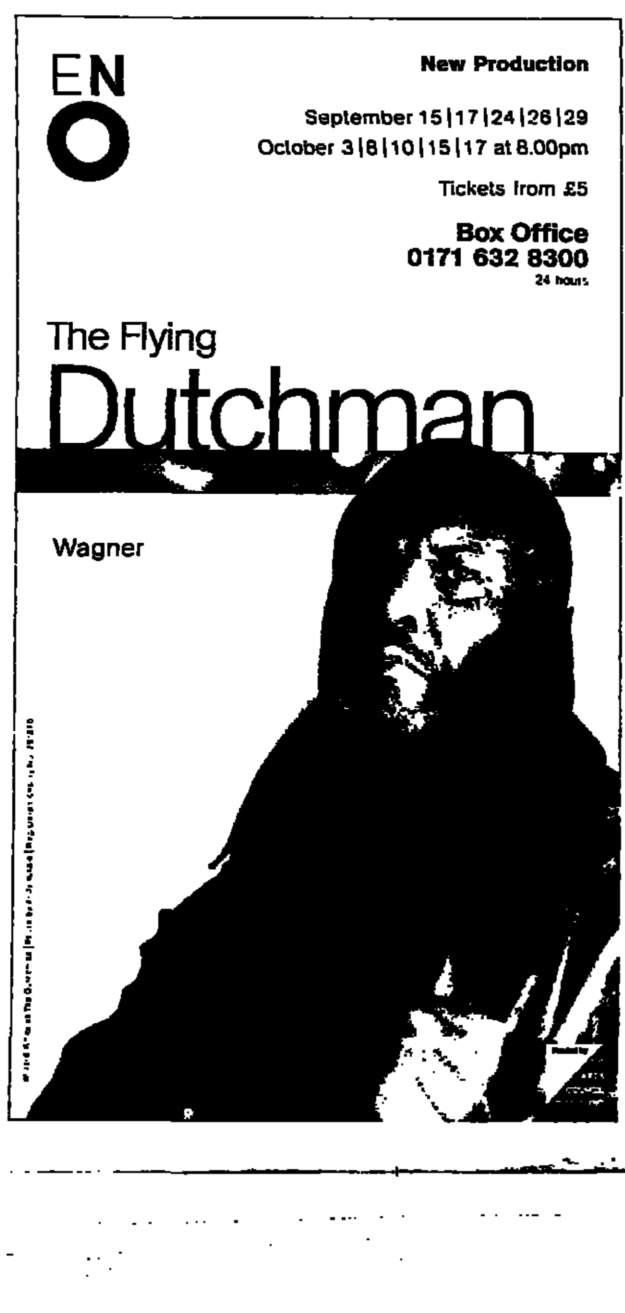

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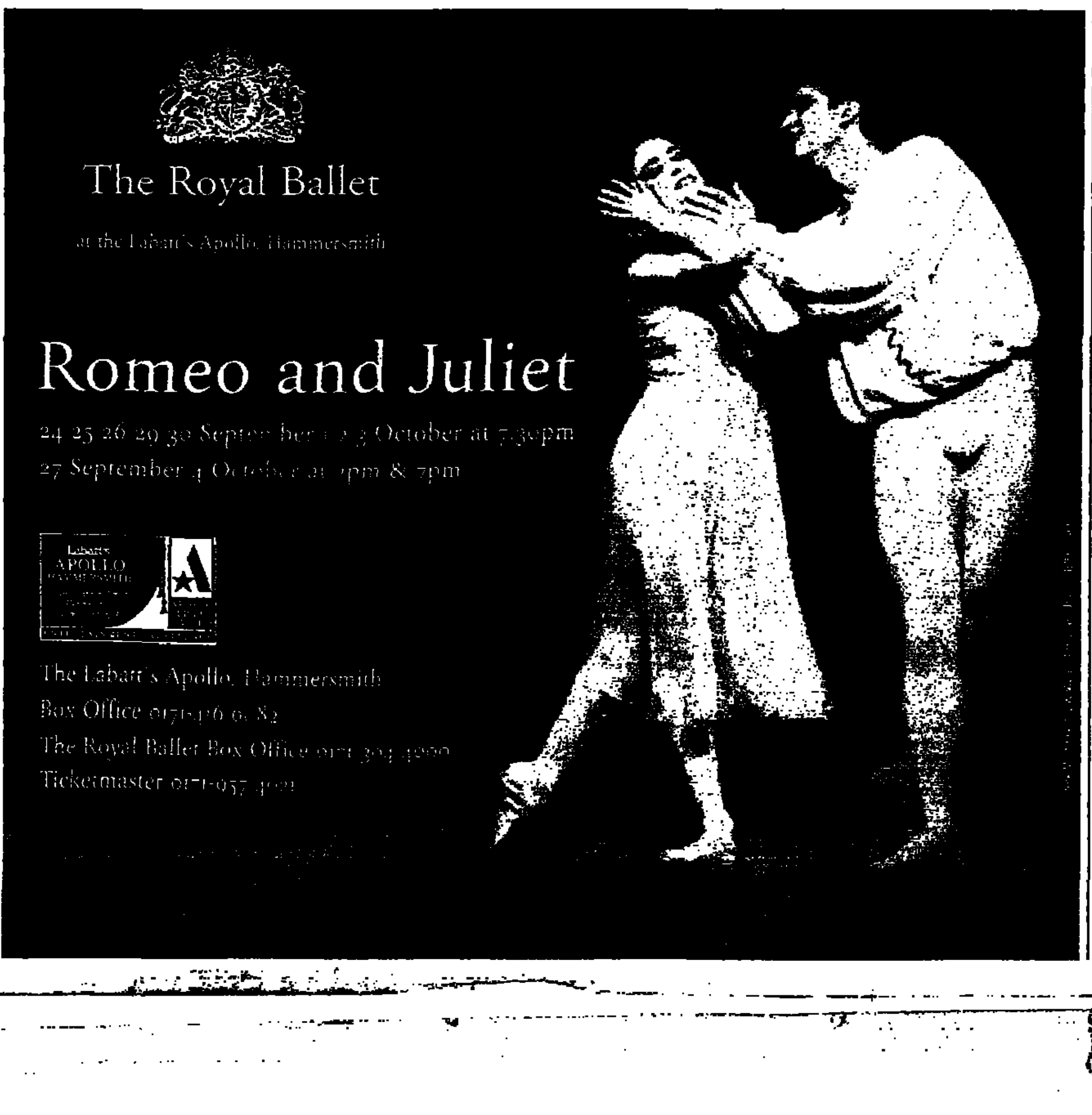

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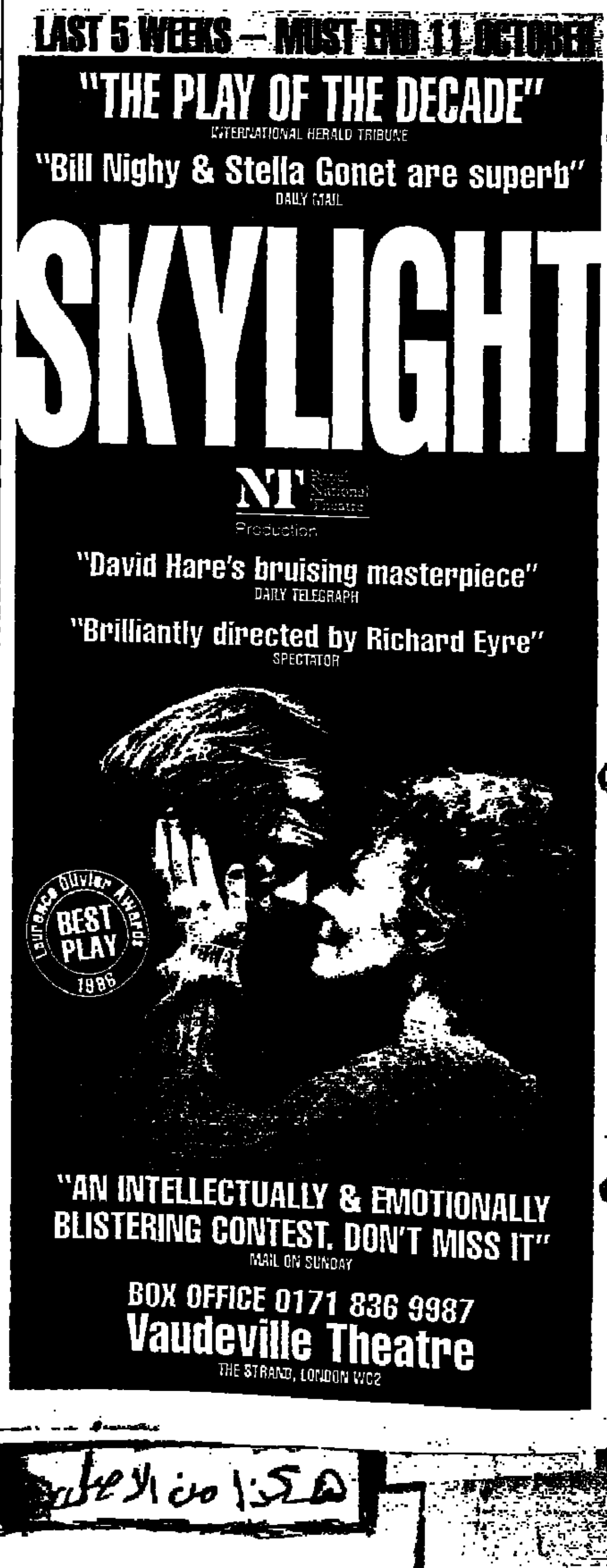

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Bad guys are lionised

Wesley Snipes, playing an adulterer, and 'the Japanese Tarantino' took top honours at the Venice Film Festival. **David Robinson** reports

The Venice Film Festival jury — which included Francesco Rosi, Charlotte Rampling and Jane Campion as president — did not have all that much to choose from. In a better year it is unlikely that Takeshi Kitano's **Hana-Bi** would have walked off with the Golden Lion. It was a popular choice nonetheless. Kitano is currently a top-of-the-market cult figure, popularly styled the Japanese Tarantino, and with Tarantino's combination of technical virtuosity and sense of prevailing taste.

Born in 1947, he abandoned engineering to become a comedian under the name of "Beat Takeshi", in a duo called The Two Beats. His outrageous and disrespectful comedy rapidly made him a household name as a TV personality. In 1989 he began to direct films, generally playing the main role, and in 1993 he soared to international fame with *Sonatine*.

Hana-Bi follows much the same formula as *Sonatine* — tidily crafted, with non-stop, stylised violence and "artistic" interludes and overlays to reassure the serious spectator in case he feels he is getting too gratuitous a kick out of visceral shocks like gun massacres or a precisely pierced eye.

Kitano (billed as "Beat Takeshi") himself plays a police detective who gets mixed up with loan sharks and *yakuza* when he needs money for a wife dying of cancer. The director relishes the comedy of his own cult status, and snatched the limelight at the Venice awards ceremony, prancing around like the comic demon in a Japanese woodcut and flashing rude V-signs for the cameras.

> ‘Kitano pranced round like a comic demon’

The last-night audience made it plain that they were less pleased with the award of the Special Gold Prize to Italy's own entry, Paolo Virzi's **Ovosodo**, a sympathetic enough picture of contemporary social structures seen through the experiences of a boy growing up in a deprived working-class quarter of Livorno. The script prize went to Anne Fontaine's **Nettoyage Sec** (*Dry Cleaning*), a lethal drama of character that might have been a subject for Claude Chabrol. A young bourgeois couple adopt a chance acquaintance, a fascinating youth who does an act in a drag club. He proves a wizard at the steam iron; but introduces even steamier sensations to their private life. Well sustained and beautifully played (Miou-Miou, Charles Berling, Stanislas Merhar), it could well merit commercial distribution in this country.

The acting prizes went to Hollywood: Wesley Snipes for his role as a man whose marriage disintegrates after the brief indiscretion of Mike Figgis's **One Night Stand**; a fey newcomer, Robin Tunney, for a disturbing performance as a young alcoholic with Tourette syndrome in Bob Gosse's **Niagara Niagara**. The prize for Graeme Revell's music was slight consolation for Wayne Wang's disappointing **Chinese Box**, which explores the traumas of Hong Kong handover through the love affairs of a querulous leukaemia patient (Jeremy Irons, naturally) and two starry Chinese beauties (Gong Li, Maggie Cheung).

The better rewards were generally to be found outside the competition. Following his 1995 Sundance Festival prize for a shoe-string marvel, *Heavy*, James Mangold successfully enters the big time with **Cop Land**, a formulaic but brisk thriller about a group of lethally corrupt New York cops sheltered in a Mafia-protected enclave in New Jersey. Tired, paunchy and endearing, Sylvester Stallone, as the local sheriff who fights back, upstages even Robert De Niro and Harvey Keitel.

The Danish virtuoso Lars von Trier, after last year's success with *Breaking the Waves*, has resumed his television series **The Kingdom**. Hospital soap opera is transmuted with the absurd, the surreal, farce, schlock horror and sour social commentary. The film weaves the stories of Copenhagen's biggest hospital, from the inept consultants to the junior doctors taking bets on the crazed ambulance driver's next road accident, and the idiot-savants who wash up in the kitchen and provide a Greek chorus. To see all six episodes in one five-hour session is overdose; but von Trier's anarchy may prove a tonic for numbed soap-addicts.

The International Critics made special mention of **In Memoriam Imre Gyöngyössy**, an appropriately passionate tribute to the Hungarian poet, film-maker and Stalin-era political prisoner, made by his widow Katalin Petenyi and long-time collaborator Barna Kabay. By happy coincidence, on the day of this memorial screening, the director's son Bence Gyöngyössy took the prize for best first feature at the Montreal Festival with *Romani Kris* (*Gypsy Lore*), the lyrical story of a contemporary gypsy King Lear.

The closing show was the occasion for a British world premiere which must break all records: three fragmentary Victorian films that have waited for 107 years to be seen. They were shot in 1889-90, five years before the official birth of the cinema, by William Friese-Greene, on cameras of his own invention. Unfortunately he was financially ruined before he could devise a projector, and his films were never seen. Lost for most of a century, they finally turned up in the Cinémathèque Française. Only within the past few months have digital techniques made it possible to copy the fragile prints.

Undoubtedly the world's earliest celluloid motion picture films, they flash and flicker, but the images are there, a vital if misty link with a distant past. A newsboy in King's Road, Chelsea, watches a hansom cab go by; ladies in bustles and gentlemen in silk hats walk jerkily by in Hyde Park. Long discredited, Friese-Greene now has his place among the Victorian fathers of cinematography finally and even glamorously vindicated in Venice.

Wesley Snipes strolled to the best actor award for *One Night Stand*

A very parfait night out

THEATRE

The Canterbury Tales

New End, NW3

FIRST, a confession: Save for a few quotations picked up elsewhere I know Chaucer only from the stage and, the stage being what it is, mine is the Chaucer of cheeky young seducers and farts in the night. Perhaps this is most people's Chaucer, unless they be philologists or students of Eng Lit.

So once again this latest version of his medieval traipse through Kent gives us the Miller's tale about a reeve and the Reeve's tale about a miller, although the originals are almost impenetrably concealed beneath the trappings of a Viking household and the posturing of two ithyphallic actors somewhere in Italy. Anachronism rules, as one could have expected.

The two other contributions are the Knight's account of love and jousting in Ancient Athens, and the Pardoner's tale about three rogues who stab or poison each other for a bag of gold. I could not accept that the daughter of Theseus and Hippolyta would be called Emily so I blew the dust off my Chaucer and looked her up. Emilye.

John Cotgrave's production has come down south from Yorkshire's Lawrence Batley Theatre, where Ron McAllister is artistic director. McAllister has composed some quite clever pastiche tunes for the show, and Richard Hope's lyrics are often quite clever too. He turns the Athens tale into ingeniously rhymed couplets, broadly of the send-up school of writing: "This incarceration is not why I weep. I've fallen in love, knight, while kept in this keep."

However, Hope frames the four stories in an absolutely terrible tale about ghosts celebrating the anniversaries of their deaths with storytelling. Had the seats of the New End been fitted with ejectors, I would have activated mine after the first ten minutes and shot out through the roof.

Matters improve. The solution to marital discord in a Viking household is explained through an absurd music-hall song, a long way after *After the Ball*, and Alisdair Ross has an amusingly unfazed look as the slow-witted Vike. The Athens tale is excellently told, but matters take a downward turn with the Italian thesps when everyone overacts to a level that would give coarse acting a good name. Samantha Parry belts out some good roustabout songs and there is much swyving and swonking — look them up. Goodish in places.

JEREMY KINGSTON

TODAY'S CHOICE

A daily guide to arts and entertainment compiled by Marit Hargie

LONDON

BBC PROMS: Bernard Haitink takes the podium to conduct the European Union Youth Orchestra in one of *Bruckner's greatest symphonies*, Symphony No 7. This is preceded by Beethoven's Piano Concerto No 4, *played by the pianist Emanuel Ax*. **Albert Hall**, Kensington Gore, SW7 (0171-589 8212) Tonight, 7.30pm. Ⓢ

DO YOU COME HERE OFTEN? Sean Foley and Hamish McColl follow their excellent *Stop Calling Me Vernon* with this new comic show about thwarted escape attempts as the characters are accidentally locked in a bathroom. Josef Houben directs. **Lyric Studio**, King Street, Hammersmith, W6 (0181-741 2311) Opens tonight, 8pm. Then Mon-Sat, 8pm; mat Sat, 4.30pm. Until October 4.

THE PRINCE OF WEST END AVENUE: Kerry Shale plays 18 characters as the residents of a Jewish retirement home attempt a production of *Hamlet*. Adapted from Alan Isler's story. **Hampstead**, Swiss Cottage Centre, NW3 (0171-722 9301). Opens tonight, 7pm. Then Mon-Sat, 8pm; mat Sat, 3.30pm. Until September 20.

WIDOR FESTIVAL: Final concert in the festival of organ and orchestral music which has run fortnightly since June. Organ soloist tonight is Daniel Roth, the current Organiste Titulaire of Saint-Sulpice, in a programme which includes Widor's *Symphonie Romane*. **Westminster Cathedral**, Victoria St, SW1 (0171-344 4444). Tonight, 7.30pm.

RISING STARS: Launch of the Wigmore Hall's International Song Competition. Preliminaries are today and tomorrow (10.30am and 2.30pm), with the semi-finals on Thursday at the same times. In Saturday's final (6pm), *three successful candidates compete* for the prestigious award in recitals of 40 minutes each. Graham Johnson chairs the jury which includes the noted singers Elisabeth Söderström and Peter Schreier. **Wigmore Hall**, Wigmore Street, W1 (0171-935 2141) Ⓢ

ELSEWHERE

BLACKPOOL: An exhibition of art from the Anglo-Jewish **Ben Uri Collection** is showing here until October 18. On display are selected works by Bomberg, Epstein, Pissarro, Gertler, Kitaj, Auerbach and Kossoff. **Grundy Art Gallery:** Queen Street (01253 751701) Mon-Sat, 10am-5pm

Edward Fox as Harold Macmillan in Guildford

GLASGOW: 40 actresses are taking part in Stuart Davids's spectacular production for Randog of **The House of Bernarda Alba**, Lorca's tragedy of suppressed sensuality. **Tramway**, Albert Drive, (0141-227 5511) Preview tonight, 7.30pm. Opens tomorrow, 7.30pm. Then eves (except Sept 14, 15) 7.30pm. Until Sept 20 Ⓢ

GUILDFORD: Edward Fox stars as Harold Macmillan in the world premiere of **A Letter of Resignation**, a new play by Hugh Whitemore which explores the events behind the Profumo scandal of 1963. **Yvonne Arnaud**, Millbrook, (01483 440000) Opens tonight, 7.45. Then Mon-Thur, 7.45, Fri and Sat, 8pm; mats Thur and Sat, 2.30pm. Until Sept 20 Ⓢ

LEEDS: John Steinbeck's own adaptation of his novel **Of Mice and Men**, directed by Ian Brown. Tim Perrin plays Lennie and Martin Marquez the simple-minded gentle giant, George. **West Yorkshire Playhouse**, Quarry Hill (0113-244 2111) Opens tonight, 7.30pm. Then Mon-Sat, 7.30pm, mats Wed, 2pm, and Sat (except Oct 4) 3pm

LONDON GALLERIES

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THEATRE GUIDE

Jeremy Kingston's assessment of theatre showing in London

■ **House full, returns only**
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■ **AMY'S VIEW**: Judi Dench and Samantha Bond in David Hare's perceptive new play, exploring a strong mother-daughter tie in the years from 1979. Richard Eyre directs. **National (Lyttelton)**, South Bank, SE1 (0171-928 2252) Tonight-Thur, 7.30pm, mat today, 2.15pm. In rep Ⓢ

☐ **CANTERBURY TALES**: New version by Richard Hope of what the *Miller, the Knight, the Reeve and the Pardoner* told, directed by John Cotgrave. See review below left. **New End**, 27 New End, Hampstead, NW3 (0171-794 0022). Mon-Sat, 7.30pm; mats Sat and Sun, 3.30pm. Until September 28

☐ **THE CENSOR**: Alastair Galbraith, *Alison Newman and Jan Pearson* in Anthony Neilson's strong study of a deeply anxious film censor and his murky longings. Admirably staged. **Royal Court Theatre Upstairs (Ambassadors)**, West Street, WC2 (0171-565 5000) Mon-Sat, 7.45pm, mat Sat, 4pm. Until September 27

☐ **DISCO PIGS**: Enda Walsh's award-winning, Cork-set play where the inseparable Pig and Runt use a private language, part baby-talk, part dub poetry, to cope with life. Direct from *Edinburgh*. **Bush**, Shepherds Bush Green, W12 (0181-743 5050) Mon-Sat, 8pm. Until September 27

☐ **ELVIS — THE MUSICAL**: Three *actors-singers take us through the life of* the King, with Michael Dimin playing the mature Elvis. Strictly for fans. **Piccadilly**, Denman Street, W1 (0171-369 1734). Mon-Thurs, 8pm; Fri and Sat, 5.30pm and 8.30pm. Ends Sat.

☐ **FAMILY CIRCLES**: Early Ayckbourn, fiendishly ingenious, where three women switch partners for each act, though it doesn't help them much. A *sell-out last winter*. **Orange Tree**, Clarence Street, Richmond (0181-940 3633) Mon-Sat, 7.45pm, mats Thurs (Sep 4), 2.30pm, and Sat, 4pm. Until September 27.

☐ ***HEARTBREAK HOUSE***: Strong cast for David Hare's revival includes Emma Fielding, Patricia Hodge, Carmel McSharry, Penelope Wilton, Richard Griffiths, Peter McEnery. **Almeida**, Almeida Street, N1 (0171-359 4404) Mon-Sat, 7.30pm; mats Sat, 3pm

☐ **HURLYBURLY**: West End transfer for the first hit from Peter Hall's Old Vic company. David Rabe's savagely funny play about Californian men behaving very badly indeed. Wilson Milam directs an excellent cast led by Rupert Graves, *Jenny Seagrove, Andy Serkis and David Tennant*. **Queen's**, Shaftesbury Avenue, W1 (0171-494 5105) Mon-Sat, 8pm, mats Wed, 3pm, Sat, 4pm

☐ ***LIFE SUPPORT***: Alan Bates subtly moving in Simon Gray's play about remorse for marital treachery. **Aldwych**, The Aldwych, WC2 (0171-416 6003). Mon-Sat, 8pm, mats Wed and Sat, 2.30pm

☐ **THE MYSTERIOUS MR LOVE**: New play by Karoline Leach, set in 1912 *in a hotel at Weston-super-Mare*, directed by Bob Tomson. Paul Nicholas plays a confidence trickster and Susan Penhaligon a lovelorn spinster. **Comedy**, Panton Street, SW1 (0171-369 1731) Mon-Sat, 8pm; mats Wed, 3pm, Sat, 5pm

☐ **PYGMALION**: Amusing, unshowy revival with Roy Marsden, Michael Elphick and newcomer Carli Morris. **Albery**, St Martin's Lane, WC2 (0171-369 1730) Mon-Sat, 8pm; mats Thurs, 3pm, Sat, 4.30pm

☐ **WASTE**: Felicity Kendal, Michael Pennington, Denis Quilley in Granville Barker's fascinating drama of the power struggle within a government, complicated by sex. **Old Vic**, Waterloo Road, SE1 (0171-928 7616) Tonight, 7.30pm. In rep.

LONG RUNNERS

☐ **Blood Brothers**: Phoenix (0171-369 1733) . ☐ **Buddy**: Strand (0171-930 8800) . ☐ **Grease**: Cambridge (0171-494 5080) ◩ **An Inspector Calls**: *Garrick (0171-494 5085)* ☐ **Jesus Christ Superstar**: Lyceum (0171-656 1807) . ◩ **Miss Saigon**: Drury Lane (0171-494 5400) . . ☐ **The Mousetrap**: St Martin's (0171-836 1443) ■ **The Phantom of the Opera**: Her Majesty's (0171-494 5400) ☐ **The Woman in Black**: Fortune (0171-836 2238)

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CINEMA GUIDE

Geoff Brown's assessment of films in London and (where indicated with the symbol ◆) on release across the country

NEW RELEASES

L'APPARTEMENT (15): *Lovelorn* twentysomethings tie themselves in knots. Ebullient French trifle, with Vincent Cassel and Romane Bohringer. Director, Gilles Mimouni. **Renoir** (0171-837 8402)

AUSTIN POWERS: INTERNATIONAL MAN OF MYSTERY (15): Wayward spoof of Swinging Sixties cinema, with Mike Myers and Elizabeth Hurley. Director, Jay Roach. **Clapham Picture House** (0171-498 3323) **Gate** Ⓢ (0171-727 4043) **Odeons: Camden Town** (0181-315 4255) **Kensington** (0181-315 4214) **Marble Arch** (0181-315 4216) **Ritzy** (0171-737 2121) **UCI Whiteleys** Ⓢ (0990 888990) **Virgins: Chelsea** (0171-352 5096) **Haymarket** (0171-839 1527) **Trocadero** Ⓢ (0171-434 0031) **Warner** Ⓢ (0171-437 4343)

THE HONEYMOON KILLERS: Taut, true account of killers who preyed on widows and spinsters; a cult item from *1970*. Leonard Kastle directs Shirley Stoler and Tony LoBianco. **ICA** Ⓢ (0171-930 3647)

MRS BROWN (PG): Queen Victoria's relationship with her servant John Brown. *Focused, subtle drama, with Judi* Dench and Billy Connolly. Director, John Madden. **Barbican** Ⓢ (0171-638 8891) **Chelsea** (0171-351 3742) **Clapham Picture House** (0171-498 3323) **Curzon Mayfair** (0171-369 1720) **Greenwich** (0181-235 3005) **Odeons: Haymarket** (0181-315 4212) **Kensington** (0181-315 4214) **Richmond** (0181-332 0030) **Screen/Baker Street** (0171-935 2772) **Screen/Hill** Ⓢ (0171-435 3366) **UCI Whiteleys** Ⓢ (0990 888990) **Virgin Fulham Road** (0171-370 2636) **Warner** Ⓢ (0171-437 4343)

NIGHT FALLS ON MANHATTAN (15): Idealistic DA faces conflicting loyalties. Absorbing drama from *director Sidney Lumet, with Andy Garcia*, Ian Holm, and Lena Olin. **ABC Tottenham Court Road** (0171-636 6148) **Odeons: Kensington** (*0181-315 4214*) **Swiss Cottage** (0181-315 4220) **Ritzy** (0171-737 2121) **Virgin Haymarket** (0171-839 1527) **Warner** Ⓢ (0171-437 4343)

CURRENT

◆ **ADDICTED TO LOVE** (15): Sour romantic comedy with Matthew Broderick and Meg Ryan as spurned lovers who turn Peeping Toms. **Odeon Mezzanine** Ⓢ (0181-315 4215) **Warner West End** (0171-437 4343)

◆ ***BEAN*** (PG): *Rowan Atkinson's* bumbler is let loose in LA. Jokes galore: some sentiment; no subtlety. With Peter *MacNicol and (briefly) Burt Reynolds*. **Greenwich** (0181-235 3005) **Odeons: Kensington** (0181-315 4214) **Marble Arch** (0181-315 4216) **Swiss Cottage** (0181-315 4220) **Plaza** (0990-888 990) **UCI Whiteleys** (0990-888 990) **Virgins: Fulham Road** (0171-370 2636) **Trocadero** (0171-434 0031) **Warner West End** (0171-437 4343)

BIG NIGHT (15): Tribulations at an Italian restaurant. Thoughtful drama, with Stanley Tucci, Tony Shalhoub, Ian Holm. **ABC Panton Street** (0171-930 0631)

CON AIR (15): Nasty prisoners hijack their plane. Ferocious rollercoaster ride, with Nicolas Cage. **Odeon Mezzanine** Ⓢ (0181-315 4215)

THE ENGLISH PATIENT (15): Map-making Ralph Fiennes smoulders with *passion for Kristin Scott Thomas*. Epic, intelligent, though not quite worth all the praise. Director, Anthony Minghella. **Empire** Ⓢ (*0990 888990*)

◆ **LADY AND THE TRAMP** (U): *Disney's 1955 cartoon revived*: bland, but with a faint canine charm. **Odeons: Kensington** (0181-315 4214) ***Marble Arch*** (*0181-315 4216*) **Swiss Cottage** (0181-315 4220) **UCI Whiteleys** Ⓢ (0990 888990) **Warner** Ⓢ (0171-437 4343)

LOST HIGHWAY (18): Striking but *insular David Lynch conundrum, with Bill* Pullman and Patricia Arquette. **Curzon West End** (0171-369 1722) **Odeon Camden Town** (0181-315 4255) **Renoir** (0171-837 8402) **Ritzy** (0171-737 2121)

◆ **PALOOKAVILLE** (15): Alan Taylor's endearing movie about would-be crooks, with William Forsythe, Vincent Gallo and Adam Trese. **ABCs: Baker Street** (0171-935 9772) **Panton Street** (0171-930 0631) **Metro** (0171-437 0757)

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Trudging towards a new dawn

Reassuringly real, the TUC still has a future, says **John Lloyd**

Launched yesterday without celebrity, the TUC conference remains what it has been for decades: the annual expression of a movement of substance.

If, as last week appears to have shown, image and symbolism are to play as large a part in national political life as does reality, then the TUC is clearly out of step. It can change — has changed, is changing — but cannot reinvent itself. It remains too rooted in the day-by-day, in the detail and the felt experience — what people must face when they turn away from the highs and the lows manufactured by the media.

Yet this could be a plus. There could be a place in public life for an institution which refuses to submit to the law that only hyper-visibility confers meaning: that suffering requires the ministrations of a Princess, for example. The TUC could become the symbol *of a body which refuses to* be treated merely as a symbol: the image of a modernised estate *of the real which* is interested in *more* than image.

This is one way forward for the TUC. There are three others.

The partnership which is the theme of this week's conference can yield fruit for the unions and for the country. The TUC has, since the election, rapidly deepened a dialogue with the Confederation of British Industry which, before May 1, was largely confined to health and safety at work. They agree about much on Europe and the economy; they have opened a debate on how flexibility should be defined and operated.

The most contentious area now is union recognition

The contentious area between them is union recognition. Labour has pledged to legislate for a statutory recognition of unions where membership exceeds 50 per cent of a given workforce. It was a vague manifesto commitment and is now being thrashed through between the industry and union representatives with no expectation of agreement, but some expectation of reaching greater clarity.

The Prime Minister has told John Monks, the TUC General Secretary, to come back to him with the nearest he can get to a consensus on recognition; on that basis a White Paper will be issued. This will be a real test of partnership for industry and the unions. The latter have had to swallow much these past two decades, and have digested much of that; now, companies are challenged to produce an environment more comfortable in a real — not a symbolic — sense for their workers. The unions say they want to co-operate in ensuring that changes do not threaten productivity or profitability: it would seem a good time to test their intentions.

Secondly, the CBI and the TUC find most harmony on the single European currency — although the unions are committed to enter in the first wave, while the employers are more cautious. Both strongly agree that the level of sterling is damaging to jobs and must be brought down. Entry into EMU, says the TUC, would accomplish much of that.

The larger companies which are the keenest to see a single currency are also generally those which recognise unions, pay above what is likely to be the minimum wage and have introduced works councils — that is, they have little difficulty with large parts of social legislation. Smaller companies do: here the TUC is attempting to extend the hand of partnership as well, both to confirm the unions' new stance and to open up possibilities for recruitment.

Thirdly, unions everywhere have taken heart — perhaps too much heart — from the victory which the US Teamsters' union achieved at United Parcel Services (UPS). A two-week strike saw the union win higher pay, particularly for part-time workers, the conversion of 10,000 part-time jobs into full-time posts and the *retention of a union-run pension scheme.*

Robert Reich, the former US Labour Secretary, sees in the deal a sign that unions could again become the representatives of an excluded workforce, the losers from a globalisation process which immensely privileges professionals but which penalises the fetchers and carriers, diggers and sweepers, servers and carriers. Many of these have not looked to unions, traditionally based around the once vast agglomerations of industrial workers or professions such as teaching, for protection. Now, says Reich, UPS points the way to a series of similar struggles which could capture public sympathy.

Unions have tried in various ways to organise the working excluded, with limited success. But they are trying new ways — the creation of an "organising academy" will be endorsed this week, where fiery spirits will be taught to channel their idealism into recruitment campaigns.

Inevitably, the unions will be drawn into making the fights they pick with employers accord more with the themes of the popular media. They have tried, in this congress, by publicising the names of a handful of large "bad employers" who keep out unions and offer low pay. It is a sign of a new kind of public relations, as well as an abandonment of remnants of a general anti-capitalist case.

Unions have roles, real and not symbolic, at the top and bottom of the social order. The TUC is well led, the union general secretaries constrained to be realistic, the Prime Minister and Government non-commitally friendly. If the unions do not succeed now, then the underlying forces in the economy which have been responsible for depleting their ranks will be seen to dominate over the political and the voluntary.

And then, they really will need a celebrity. But by then it will be too late.

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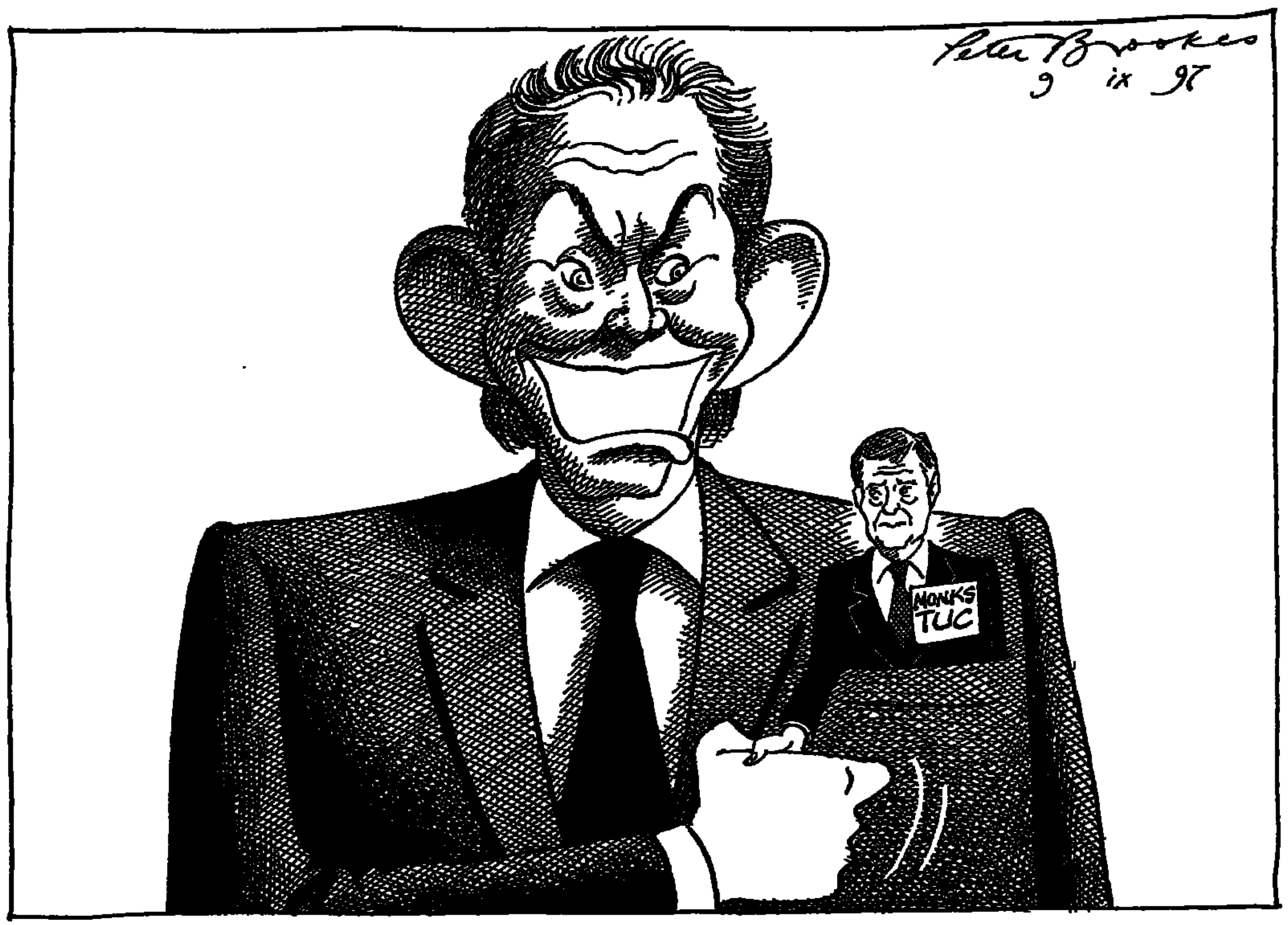


'PARTNERSHIP FOR PROGRESS' (CONFERENCE SLOGAN)

Bravely said, brother

Earl Spencer may not be a diplomat, but he spoke straight from the heart

Libby Purves

The trouble is that I suddenly don't want to be part of journalism any more. Ruin and unemployment loom. It is my own fault, I suppose, for consuming too many media, but how else is a provincial to keep up? Now, though, the weight of it has toppled over and crushed the spirit.

For if Diana, Princess of Wales, was a candle in the wind, we media are the wind-machine. Our racket smothers the central sad simplicity of what happened. We are saccharine, self-regarding, neurotic and competitive; we waver between sentimentality, misplaced outbreaks of cleverness and dreadful plonking comments about The Culture and The People.

An agony aunt turns up in a tabloid castigating the idea of the Princes walking behind the coffin: once they have done so — with a dignity they will be glad of all their lives — the same writer pops up in a broadsheet to condemn tabloids which tell the Royal Family what to do. Another, who sneered incessantly at Diana in life, justifies a sugary volte-face by prosing on about the nature of myth. The vaunted mood of national unity is marred by class hostility as the pop papers wilfully misunderstand the usefulness to "toffs" of a dark suit and a stiff upper lip, while the broadsheets wonder superciliously why the common people leave the Cellophane on their bouquets. (Easy. Cellophane and ribbons mean "look, I didn't nick these from the park, I paid good money for them, to prove I care".)

Then the political writers break cover, with a graceless rant from an archetypal Tory boy in *The Sunday Telegraph* accusing Labour spin-doctors of somehow stealing Diana. Print sneers at television while watching every frame, television steals newspaper angles while sneering back. Talk Radio asks listeners to nominate an actress to play "Di" in the biopic. Only Radio 4, an oasis of phlegm, decides that what the national psyche requires is a repeat of *The Winslow Boy* and Penelope Keith reading *Winnie the Pooh.*

All other news is drowned by the roaring of the wind-machine: even yesterday, plucky little souls attempting to interest us in Scottish devolution struggled like mountaineers trying to pitch a pup tent in a hurricane. Only the irreplaceable Terry Wogan struck a bearable note on Radio 2. "Ah now, I'm like the rest of you, I want to keep on moping but we mustn't, must we?"

I hoped not to be part of this. The weekend mostly passed in what felt like a reasonably appropriate contemplative quiet, talking with my children, sewing and sorting and marking things for the new school term. Life far from cities and cathedrals was normal, if quiet and tinged with the universal sadness. The queue stretched a little way outside Saxmundham Market Hall to sign the book of condolence, everybody shut their shops and friends talked quietly about the senseless sadness of it all, and how it brought to mind past losses of their own. I would rather have left it there, something never to be forgotten but not to be harped on. However, with apologies, I am going to add my one last word. I want to defend Earl Spencer, all the way.

Some of the phrases used about his funeral eulogy have been extraordinary: "calculated vengeance", "brutality" and "opening wounds". He was bitter, they said, "intemperate... divisive ... ill-judged". Irrelevant, too: just an "expatriate uncle" from a "dysfunctional family" which could offer little to his nephews.

Puzzled, I went to the tape and watched the Earl's speech again, just as we had watched it on Saturday, sewing name-tapes into school socks through a mist of tears. Had I missed something? Something to justify "brutal, bitter, divisive?" No. All I could hear was a brother.

It is, these days, a largely unsung relationship; but several women said to me that last week they wished for the first time ever that they had a brother of their own. Even those with sisters said it. There is powerful, ancient comfort to be felt at the idea of a man — without the possessiveness of a husband or the authority of a father — defending and praising a woman strongly but without illusions: giving a tribute better than admiration, glowing with utter familiarity but untainted by the weariness and guilt of daily contact. I have three brothers and to me Lord Spencer sounded just right. Analysts may pretend that his words were political or iconoclastic: instinct accepts them as brotherly and brave.

What did he speak, but the plain truth? It is true that Diana's qualities did not depend on royal title alone. Cynics predicted that the fascination with her would diminish when she lost a part of that title, but it did not. She shone even brighter alone, more fascinating to worshippers and more comforting to those whose sadness she tried to alleviate. Why should her brother not say so? It is a fact: strange, but true.

And he did not, after all, gloss over other facts, such as her emotional vulnerability and her eating disorder. Stripped bare by grief, rejecting cliché and platitude, he spoke of his sister with the frankness which is a brother's privilege. We should be grateful to him. After a week of mawkish illusion in which every one of us constructed our own phantom Diana, Lord Spencer spoke of the real one. He affirmed the reality of the girl who kept her small brother amused on the long, gloomy train journeys between estranged parents, of the sister with a wicked laugh, of the chronically (perhaps sometimes annoyingly) insecure woman who yearned for love. No girl is a heroine to her brother, but there is great security in the fond, exasperated kinship of somebody who harbours no romantic ideas about you.

Nor was it disrespectful to promise his nephews that the "blood family" of their mother would always be with them as a counterweight to royal life. The boys are Spencers, too. Their uncle spoke for half their lineage and half their temperament. As he did so there was a fleeting shadow of old Earl Spencer, who had his failings but whose cheerful disregard for strict dignity once charmed onlookers on Diana's engagement day. Remember him, beaming at the Palace gates with his battered camera to take his own snaps? Why is it irreverent that with Diana dead, her brother should pledge himself to encourage her boys in her warm, instinctive style?

Every child has a right to its emotional inheritance from two families. The earl explicitly acknowledged their Windsor heritage of duty and tradition, but firmly laid claim to his own side. His sister wanted them to have wide experience of people, to talk informally, to trust their feelings and let their souls "sing openly". If her siblings can further that aim, it is their duty: which of us — however much we like them — wants our children brought up entirely in our in-laws' ways and values?

In the same way, the earl intervened to take Diana's body to safety on the lake island, defying those who wanted constant public access to her grave. That too was a brotherly act: the alternative posed horrible risks. The parallel, *pace* Simon Jenkins, is not with Churchill's grave but with that of Sylvia Plath, which to this day is still regularly claimed and ideologically defaced by those who think they revere her, but never knew her and care nothing for her living children.

All week we have been told that Britain is sloughing off the carapace of old formalities for an attitude more respectful of individuals, less like an army and more like a family (heck, even the army has just promised to be more sensitive to recruits). It is a very British irony that a belted earl, who heads a family in archaic precedence over his elder sisters, should be the figurehead of this change. But on Saturday, it seemed to me, the young Lord Spencer stood precisely where the nation stands: between tradition and modernity, the idea of "great families" and the acknowledgement of plain family feeling.

He is not a diplomat, but he is her brother and he did a brother's duty. There is no need to look for a spark of hostility, still less to fan it with our wind-machines. The Prince of Wales is a just and gentle man. He will respect the earl's claim. And if any royal courtiers dispute it, they have only to remember how the applause filled the parks and the streets and spread, in a shocking, liberating moment, right into the gloomy heart of the abbey. It was not for the gentle hagiography of Elton John that the congregation inside the building broke protocol and silence. It was for the authentic, irrefutable, unsentimental claims of a brother, and of blood.

Voting, yes yes — but to what?

The referendum is premature, says **Peter Riddell**

The "devolution adventure". It was a telling phrase, especially coming from someone as fastidious as Donald Dewar, the Scottish Secretary. He was introducing Tony Blair at his first public political meeting after his almost apolitical week as chief mourner for the nation.

During an hour's question-and-answer, it was almost as if the extraordinary events of the previous eight days had not occurred, or rather, had happened without affecting the normal terms of political debate. There was Mr Blair, talking in his shirtsleeves in the middle of a school gym in Edinburgh, answering questions on student fees, market testing, terrorism and community councils. Back to normal — perhaps.

But for all Mr Blair's Scottish connections and education at Fettes, there was also the sense of a very English Prime Minister coming north of the border to engage in what has become almost a private debate. The tone of some of the questions was wary and one or two were hostile. Because of his easy self-confidence, he appears an outsider, the type of smart Londoner whom Scots have mistrusted for generations.

Mr Blair talks about the issue differently, presenting devolution as one aspect of the modernisation of Britain (a phrase now fashionable in the post-Diana mood) rather than the overwhelming, almost obsessive priority it is for much of the Scottish political class.

Yesterday he was like an enlightened headmaster urging a bright pupil to take responsiblity for his actions. It is up to the Scots what they make of their new powers. They have "nothing to be frightened of" and, in a strange echo of Franklin Roosevelt, he said "there is nothing to be afraid of apart from fear itself". Like Mr Dewar's use of the word "adventure", it is a curious way to talk about such a decision.

Thursday's vote is unsatisfactory in many ways. This is not really because of the interrupted, truncated campaign. The Scots have had plenty of time to consider whether they want a parliament and all the signs are that the answer will be yes, probably by a margin of more than two to one, to judge by recent polls. The margin may be much narrower on the second question of whether the parliament should have tax-varying powers. But here, also, it is a strange debate, since what is being proposed is more modest and limited than the powers of any American state and of most large cities. As Mr Blair hinted, the greater doubts about tax powers signify a *lack of self-confidence. It is as if the* Scots are worried about taking the prize that so many of them have wanted for so long.

But the referendum is flawed because it is being held at the wrong time, on the wrong issues. It was devised by Mr Blair 15 months ago and forced on a reluctant Scottish Labour Party as a means of showing the scale of public support for devolution, so as to minimise time-wasting parliamentary opposition, particularly in the Lords, to the substantive legislation. But May 1 removed the need for such a pre-legislative referendum. The Tory rout and wipeout in Scotland undermined the opponents of devolution and ensured that any legislation should have a relatively smooth parliamentary passage.

But not only is Thursday's vote now politically unnecessary, it is also premature. The Government's White Paper on devolution was a skilful and elegant exercise in compromise but several key questions are unresolved — notably over the central government grant for public spending and the number of Westminster MPs, where in both cases Scotland is more generously treated than England. The Scots are not yet really being faced with decisions about their future relations with the rest of the United Kingdom. This is because the devolution proposals were devised by Scots, for Scots, with almost no English input until Mr Blair became Labour leader. Inevitably, some of these broader issues of finance and representation will be refined when the substantive legislation goes through the Commons and Lords this winter.

There has been talk of an English backlash against Scotland being given an overprivileged position. But this is much exaggerated. The last MORI poll for *The Times* suggested that a majority of the English, most of all in London, hold the reasonable belief that the Scots should have devolution if they want it. Britain has never had a wholly symmetrical constitution. Scotland has a national identity distinct from England.

But the current proposals will work only if the package is balanced for the whole UK and does not retain the special advantages that Scotland now enjoys. The right time to assess that will be after the legislation has emerged in a final form next summer. This is when a referendum should be held. Thursday's vote should not be the final word. It is a stage, albeit an important one, in Mr Dewar's "adventure" — a chance to show whether the Scots are any longer afraid of themselves.

Anatole Kaletsky is away

THE TIMES DIARY

Satanic version

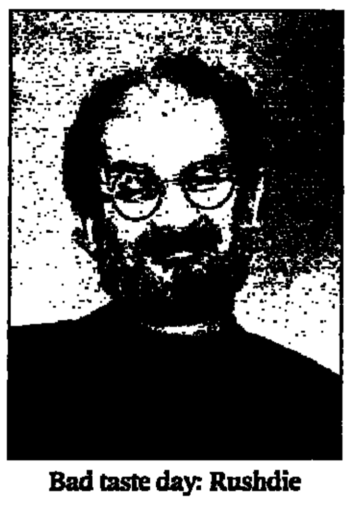
FAIRYTALE? Or Greek tragedy? *Instead, for Salman Rushdie the* life and death of Diana, Princess of Wales, is straight from the stomach-churning pages of J.G. Ballard's *Crash.*

Rushdie draws a shocking analogy in the latest edition of *The New Yorker* to argue that Diana died in a "sublimated sexual assault". This, he says, parallels the dark themes in Ballard's book and in David Cronenberg's film, in which the perverted eroticism of car crashes echoes the twisted nihilism of a society in decline.

"In Diana's fatal crash," says Rushdie, "the Camera (as both Reporter and Lover) is joined by the Automobile and the Star, and the cocktail of death and desire becomes even more powerful than the one in Ballard's book.

"The object of desire is repeatedly subjected to the unwelcome attentions of a persistent suitor (the Camera) until the dashing, glamorous knight (riding in his Automobile) sweeps her away. The Camera, with its unavoidably phallic long-lensed snout, gives pursuit. And the story reaches its tragic climax, for the automobile is driven not by a hero but by a clumsy drunk. The object of desire, *in the moment of her death,* sees the phallic lenses advancing upon her, snapping. She died in a sublimated sexual assault."

● *The letters of condolence silting Kensington Palace are as nothing compared with those awaiting Prince William, 15, on his return to Eton next week. It is estimated that more than half the 1,200 boys in the school, many spurred on by their mothers, have written sympathetic letters to the Prince. Happily, the majority will not be expecting replies. "It is just a mark of solidarity," said one boy. "We all began our letters by telling him on no account to acknowledge them."*



Bad taste day: Rushdie

When I'm 71

IT is the end of a long and winding road. Sir George Martin, the Beatles' producer, is to retire. Saturday afternoon's hasty re-recording of Elton John's *Candle in the Wind* marks the end of his magisterial rule.

The 71-year-old's decision was helped along by his growing deafness. "It doesn't matter now because I'm an old man and I don't want to do any more music, but it's annoying socially," he reflects. "If I was Jean Paul Gaultier I would probably wear gold-encrusted hearing aids and make a feature of it. But I'm not."

Words worth

IF the word "grief" sums up the past week, then which word captures the whole century? The question is to be posed in a national competion by Collins dictionaries. And their suggestion? "Bikini".

Other words being tossed into the debate by lexicologists include computer, silicon chip, convenience food, psychedelic, A-bomb and even Aids, confirming suspicions that this has been a rather gloomy century.

"We have a large database which we hope to exploit to pinpoint the year a word became common currency," says Guy Pringle of Collins. "We want to see how language evolved." In November the public will be invited to vote for a word from a list of 100 that have entered the dictionary since 1897 — one for each year. First suggestion: "orgasm" (discovered 1960).

Dear deer

DIANA'S death has not dampened sporting spirits at Balmoral, where the Queen will receive a stalking party. Guests, expected later this week, will slay red deer on the estate described by Queen Victoria as "this dear paradise".

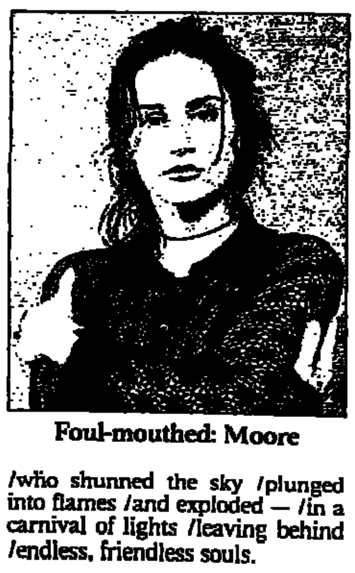
Many royals have been blooded there, including Prince William last year. Chief competitor will be Prince Philip, the firm's most tireless killer. During the past 30 years it is estimated that he has shot one tiger, two crocodiles, 60 wild boar, innumerable stags, rabbits and ducks and 30,000 pheasants.

● *Good news. My predecessor suggested that Harrods staff would not be paid for taking a day off to commemorate the late Princess. I am now assured that toilers there will be remunerated. Tip-top.*

Poetic soul

EVEN the Saudi Ambassador to London has written a tribute in verse to the late Princess, despite being bogged down in negotiations with HMG over the two British nurses who are on trial for murder in his homeland. His Excellency Dr Ghazi A. Algosaibi, an accomplished poet, has sent *The Tale of the Butterfly* for my perusal. Some might find his poem of five stanzas — one reprinted below — reminiscent of a Keatsian ode:

She was an impulsive butterfly /who shunned the sky /plunged into flames /and exploded — /in a carnival of lights /leaving behind /endless, friendless souls.



Foul-mouthed: Moore

● *Starring in the low-rent military movie,* GI Jane, *has done little to enhance the vocabulary of the actress Demi Moore. So foul-mouthed has she become that the usually robust sensitivities of her husband, the actor Bruce Willis, have been strained. "Bruce continues to bring it up," she says. "Even my driver noticed how many curse words I use per phone call."*

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SPACE FOR DREAMS

In space, sound science should go together with benign politics

Mir's main computer broke down yesterday, number 1,500 and something in the long saga of troubles on the space station. Each of this summer's emergencies has been followed by more or less heroic salvage operations, a blend of modern science and DIY cobbling that would have warmed Heath Robinson's heart. These incidents have also shown that in perseverance and talent for improvisation, Russia's cosmonauts and space scientists are second to none. So long as lives are not lost, even bad publicity can rekindle popular interest. But Mir's mishaps ought also to sharpen debate about just what man should be attempting in space.

Mir's battered condition is no surprise; although some of the scientific modules attached to it are of more recent date, the ship's core has been in orbit for 11 years, double its planned life. This is an unmatched achievement. But inevitably, Mir's woes invite comparison with the unmanned Pathfinder mission to Mars, a triumph for the robotic scientists of America's National Aeronautics and Space Administration (Nasa). The first in a planned series of ten such missions, Pathfinder and its Sojourner robot have cost Nasa a modest $286 million — reflecting Nasa's pledge to find "cheaper, faster, better" ways to explore space.

The comparison has sharpened the debate between enthusiasts for putting humans in space and those who contend that brainpower transferred to robots is a sounder scientific investment. Mir's main use nowadays is as test-bed for work on the Alpha space station, due to be launched in stages between next year and 2003, in which the US, Russia, the European Union, Canada and Japan are investing no less than $20 billion. It is unclear what new worlds this orbiting monster, five times as heavy as Mir and the size of a football pitch, can hope to conquer.

Alpha is not just a scientific project but the centrepiece of America's grand strategic programme of binding Russia, and Russian science, to the West. Its origins lie in President Clinton's order to Nasa, back in 1993, to work with Russia instead of competing with it. Two years later, the first American space shuttle docked with Mir, where mixed crews have since learnt to work together while American and Russian scientists sit shoulder to shoulder at Mission Control. American scientists judge that this experience has enabled their manned space programme to jump ahead by five years. In return, America is contributing $473 million to Mir over five years, making it one of the few parts of Russia's space programme which sees the colour of real money instead of unreliable government promissory notes.

Russia's budgetary problems are, however, seriously delaying the Alpha project. Coupled with the ignominious fate of Russia's Mars '96 probe, which plunged into the Pacific last November shortly after launch, this has prompted questions about Moscow's value as a space partner. Standard cost-benefit calculations are short-sighted, however, and not only because the hugely innovative technology devised for Mars '96 commands scientists' respect. Russia still makes the world's finest, and highly profitable, rockets — technology as applicable to war as to peace. The West has every interest in joint enterprises that engage the brains of Russia's world-class, underpaid, space scientists and engineers.

But rather than building Alpha components, Russian brainpower might be better employed combining with American expertise to upgrade the unmanned missions to Mars and other planets which are yielding dramatic scientific gains at low cost. If manned missions do have a future, it might be wiser to abort the plans for the next orbiting station and concentrate scientific and financial resources on Nasa's longer-term goal of a manned mission direct to Mars. Mr Clinton is right to champion co-operation in space for the political and economic, as well as scientific, benefits it can yield on Earth. But this co-operation will be most effective and thus most durable if it yields solid scientific returns.

STUCK IN THE PAST

Trade unions have yet to understand the point of flexibility

One of the first rules of negotiation is not to ask for the earth. This is a lesson that some British trade unionists have still to learn. It was not enough for John Monks, General Secretary of the TUC, to warn his colleagues yesterday: "Don't dream too much; face reality." Still they stood up at the annual TUC conference to demand the undesirable and impossible from the Government.

The latest campaign is for the implementation of John Smith's pledge to give workers the right to redundancy and to claims for unfair dismissal from the first day of their employment. This was a promise that the late Labour leader gave under intense pressure before the 1993 party conference, at which he needed union support to pass his one-member-one-vote reforms. Yesterday John Edmonds, general secretary of the GMB union, demanded universal rights from day one and the conference approved a policy resolution backing him.

Yet Mr Smith's promise was soon reversed by Tony Blair when he became Labour leader. To press for a return to the past is as quixotic as calling for nationalisation of the commanding heights of the economy. Trade unions cannot even claim that they are moving further and faster than the Government and that ministers will eventually catch up. Mr Blair is moving in the opposite direction; if he will not give in now, he is most unlikely to do so later.

His intransigence makes perfect economic sense. Employment rights from day one have never been implemented by any previous Labour Government. The reason is that they swiftly turn into benefit rights. For employers are far less likely to take on new workers if they face expensive redundancy or dismissal claims from the start.

It is easy to make a mistake in hiring people; this must be allowed to be rectified. But more important, employers need to be able to lay off staff in periods of slack demand and to rehire when the economy picks up. Trade unions always used to be in favour of the "last-in-first-out" principle; if those who have served less than two years are the first to go, this ought to be seen as just.

There will always be a few unscrupulous employers who make a point of hiring people for one year and 364 days before dismissing them. But if the qualifying period were reduced, say, to six months, these employees' jobs would be even less secure. They would work for five months and 30 days instead.

Almost all economists agree that the reason why Britain's unemployment levels now fall more sharply during a recovery than those of other European countries is that the Conservative labour market reforms have made taking on new workers less of a risk. Trade union leaders ought to appreciate these virtues. Instead, for all their crocodile tears for the unemployed, they are far more interested in enhancing the "rights" of their dwindling band of working members.

DEATH OF A KLEPTOCRAT

Congolese are still counting the heavy cost of Mobutu's misrule

Few will mourn for Mobutu Sese Seko, the ousted dictator of Zaire who died in exile in Morocco on Sunday. In the country this prince of kleptocrats — the word was coined for him — pillaged for more than 30 years, people are still as angry at the destruction he left as they are despairing of quick improvement under its new rulers. The brief euphoria when the victorious rebel army of Laurent Kabila swept into Kinshasa in May has already subsided. The symbolic change of name to the Democratic Republic of Congo cannot mask the immensity of the task facing Mr Kabila. Corruption, violence and plunder are long-established norms. A new start demands time, patience and money.

Some newspapers are now voicing popular frustrations as well as the partisan demands of politicians, not all of them discredited, now excluded from power. The criticisms range from the Government's failure to legalise political parties and establish a constitutional commission to the venality of officials and the delays to new investment in roads, agriculture and mining.

Many of the expectations are overblown: even the holding of free elections is seen by most Western diplomats in Kinshasa as unrealistic in the present chaotic conditions. But there are two grievances which Mr Kabila must address quickly if he is to consolidate and legitimise his shaky hold on power. The first is the pervasive influence of the military; the second is the disappearance of thousands of Rwandan Hutu refugees and the obstruction of all United Nations attempts to reach or succour them.

Kofi Annan, the UN Secretary-General, said yesterday that he had received Mr Kabila's assurance that a delayed UN investigation into alleged massacres could proceed. If true, that is an overdue and welcome step. But there must be scepticism about such assurances. A UN investigating team, headed by Roberto Garreton of Chile, arrived in Kinshasa two weeks ago, but met only new limitations. Mr Kabila's own Cabinet is divided, with different signals being sent to the UN almost daily.

The new President's failure to satisfy the international community over the refugees is linked to the provisional nature of his rule. Without the vast and illegally acquired wealth with which Mobutu both bribed and divided regional leaders, he has almost no way of enforcing his authority in a fissiparous country where physical communications have all but collapsed. The far-flung provinces are unwilling to submit to the discipline of a new Government that still relies on foreign-backed military forces.

There are some hopeful signs. The first is the determination of a better educated generation, especially in Kinshasa, not to allow any new strongman to crush their limited new freedoms. Secondly, Mr Kabila, with the continued support of pragmatic East African leaders who helped him to power, is ready to allow Western investors to restart abandoned mines and run-down businesses. Thirdly, Western governments are anxious to help Congo recover. The most practical immediate step they could take is to find, freeze and return to Congo the billions pillaged by the dead dictator and turned into real estate and bank accounts in the West.

LETTERS TO THE EDITOR

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Enforceable law to protect the Princes

From Lord Donaldson of Lymington

Sir, The courts, acting on behalf of the Queen in her capacity as *parens patriae* (parent of the nation), have an unfettered discretion to make enforceable orders prohibiting any invasion of the privacy of a child who is a ward of court.

Is it not somewhat anomalous that they have no such power in relation to her own grandchildren unless, which would be unthinkable, they should also be made wards of court?

A one-line Act of Parliament could give them similar enforceable protection, something which the Press Complaints Commission can never achieve.

Yours faithfully,
JOHN F. DONALDSON,
House of Lords.
September 8.

Funeral address

From Mr Paul Wilson

Sir, I expected that I would have to endure a sad day, but I never expected that it would be made infinitely sadder by having to listen to my Queen being cruelly criticised from the pulpit of Westminster Abbey during the funeral service for the mother of her grandchildren.

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From Mr John R. Stoner

Sir, Isn't a father a blood relative; and the paternal grandparents and great grandmother; and the paternal uncles and aunts and cousins?

Yours sincerely,
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From Mr John Garnett Jones

Sir, I hope that Saturday's unprecedented demonstration of public sympathy and love will be a source of great pride to the Spencer family and a lasting assurance to them that in this great loss they are not alone.

Yours faithfully,
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September 7.

Displays of grief

From Mr A. Murray

Sir, The debate about emotion at funerals may draw ballast from its antiquity.

In rural parts of medieval Italy it was normal for a widow to shriek in public, dishevel her hair and tear her clothes after her husband's death: so normal, in fact, that the husband's kinsmen might tear her hair and clothes for her if they thought her insufficiently moved.

Townsmen, would-be heirs to the Roman Stoics, strongly disapproved. They passed laws to stop such conduct among their citizens, who could receive a substantial fine "for showing excessive grief" in public. To meet the demands of mourning, town law developed a code to prescribe which parts of clothing should be worn black to mourn this or that dead relation: for a widow, all, and so on down to a simple black emblem. Our custom of wearing a black tie descends from this.

So longlasting a debate is most unlikely to end in our generation.

Yours faithfully,
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September 7.

Staff college cost

From Vice-Admiral Sir Ian McGeoch

Sir, Brigadier Peter Collins (letter, August 27) points to the proposed waste of "the best part of £500 million" on the proposed Joint Services Staff College.

Alternative schemes for utilising the extensive Army Staff College site at Camberley, or the historic naval buildings at Greenwich, were each to have cost under £15 million. By including junior command as well as staff training in the remit of the proposed tri-service college, the larger site of Camberley was given the advantage over Greenwich.

It was later found that it would cost over three times that sum to develop Camberley. A hurried decision was then taken to build a college near Swindon alongside the Royal Military College of Science.

Millions of pounds are going down the drain to house the staff colleges for the time being at Bracknell on land which could by now have been sold most profitably had the correct decision been taken to back the naval plan and utilise Greenwich as a single defence staff college.

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Devolution 'will lead to acrimony'

From Lord Beloff

Sir, As Scots face their referendum it is worth recalling the circumstances that brought about the union of the Parliaments. It was sought by the Scots in order to obtain entry into the rapidly growing English commercial empire from which they were excluded by protectionist legislation. It was accepted by the English as a political safeguard amid apprehensions of a disputed succession to the Crown.

Almost 300 years later much has changed. The operations of the economy mean that the interests of the two countries would be very hard to disentangle. The operations of the modern welfare state mean that the Scots are heavily subsidised by the English taxpayer; political bargains have given the Scots over-representation in the United Kingdom Parliament: the party structure means that when Labour is in power central government becomes dominated by Scots.

None of this means that Scots have not the right to decide to go back upon the Act of Union and seek their fortunes as an independent country; what it does mean is that "devolution" would call into question the original bargain and lead to the English demanding a reappraisal. The strategic dangers would not be the same; Louis XIV might have landed forces in Scotland; Jacques Santer luckily has none. But "devolution" would inevitably lead to a long period of acrimonious relations between the two nations as prolonged, if not as bloody, as that in the Middle Ages.

Parallels from federal or other forms of devolved government in continental Europe have no relevance; countries have their own histories. None are identical.

Yours truly,
BELOFF,
House of Lords,
September 6.

From Mr N. S. Hinde

Sir, What sort of a Scottish parliament is Tony Blair really proposing if, even before the referendum on its existence has taken place, he can be issuing "assurances that a Scottish parliament would not raise taxes within the next five years" (report, September 8)?

Yours faithfully,
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From Mr George C. Kieffer

Sir, In 1766 Lord Camden said in the House of Lords that "taxation and representation are inseparable". The referendum on Thursday will allow the Scots to prove this with a vengeance. Have our politics become so twisted now that the cry goes out "No representation without taxation"?

Yours faithfully,
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From Mr Drummond Hunter

Sir, The top priority in Scotland, at this moment, is to rectify what is really dishonest, namely, the hopelessly one-sided partnership between England and Scotland, which was established in 1707. The future of Scotland, after that has been effected, is an entirely separate question. For very many of us, there is little or no doubt that the Union can be saved (and indeed strengthened) only by changing and modernising its whole basis.

Yours etc,
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September 7.

Caring legacy of Mother Teresa

From Dr Helen Watt

Sir, Once again, Mother Teresa is taken to task for her views on abortion and birth control ("Press casts doubts over legend of Mother Teresa", September 8).

Mother Teresa was, indeed, opposed to abortion — unsurprisingly, in view of her respect for unwanted human beings of all ages. She was not, however, opposed to each and every form of family planning.

On the contrary, natural family planning — success rates for which are now very high — was actively supported by Mother Teresa as an alternative both to contraception and to abortion.

Yours sincerely,
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From Mr Brinsley Black

Sir, Earlier this year my wife and I were privileged to spend a morning at the orphanage in Calcutta run by Mother Teresa: seeing nearly three hundred abandoned babies nourished and cared for by the dedicated nuns was an almost unbearably moving experience.

In the light of the sad death of Diana, Princess of Wales, it is relevant that we were moved even more by a well-to-do French lady sitting in the corner of one of the wards nursing two tiny babies. She told us that she came every year for two or three weeks to help. When I asked her if she had any qualifications, she replied: "Monsieur, you do not require qualifications to give a little love."

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Landmine loophole

From General Sir Hugh Beach

Sir, You report today that the Americans are belatedly expressing support for a treaty banning anti-personnel landmines, despite Washington's insistence that they should be allowed to continue using these mines to defend South Korea as long as they think necessary.

This obstacle bears out the worst fears of Fiona King of Save the Children and her co-signatories of the letter to you of September 3, pointing out that any such exception would create a fatal loophole through which any number of countries could follow.

On military grounds alone the American position is misguided. If any North Korean assault were armour-led then it would be accompanied by mechanised mine-clearing devices (flails, rollers, ploughs or explosives) against which anti-personnel mines are of no effect.

If, in more difficult terrain, they launched a predominantly dismounted assault, then their vast numbers would allow them to use "human-wave" tactics (as the Chinese did in the same theatre in the 1950s) in which any casualties caused by mines would simply be disregarded.

If the Americans have in mind the close protection of their own positions they must call to mind the universal adage that to be of any effect minefields must be covered by observation and fire.

Normal human observation can now be vastly enhanced by a profusion of high-technology sensors — seismic, infra-red, acoustic, etc. Coupled with the fire of automatic weapons, mortars, artillery and multiple-launch rocket systems, already available in large numbers, the defenders gain nothing from laying anti-personnel mines which have, under international law, to be carefully fenced, marked, guarded and ultimately lifted.

In no campaign in history has the use of mines affected the course of any battle, hardly indeed a skirmish. They are as much a curse to those who lay them as to any potential enemy. Their day has long gone.

Yours faithfully,
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Forced sterilisation

From Dr J. H. Baron

Sir, Forced sterilisation (article, August 28) did not start only "after the First World War", was neither social democrat nor Nazi in origin, and did not even start in Europe: it was American. This medical eugenicist policy was first implemented in 1907, in Indiana, "to prevent procreation of confirmed criminals, idiots, imbeciles and rapists". By 1913 such sterilisation was legalised in 12 states. Between 1907 and the 1970s more than 60,000 people had been sterilised, especially in California.

These laws were conceived and carefully drafted by doctors, were upheld by the US Supreme Court in 1927 and in 1985 were still valid in 19 states.

These US laws were used as models for legislation in Alberta, Denmark and Switzerland (1928), Germany (1933), Norway and Sweden (1934) and Finland (1935).

Yours faithfully,
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August 29.

Soft option?

From Mr T. Rogers

Sir, Now that the Army has adopted a softer and more caring approach to training recruits (report, August 28), it is to be hoped that any future enemy will have adopted similar practices.

Yours faithfully,
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True Brit

From Mr Anthony Golding

Sir, To fall behind to a superior opponent, to battle back gamely to the point where a victory is achievable, only to fail gallantly at the last, with gracious words for one's conqueror (reports, later editions, September 8) — can there be any further doubt that Greg Rusedski is indeed British?

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Animal welfare in modern farming

From Professor D. E. Beever and Mr M. J. Collis

Sir, All of us involved in the UK livestock industry must support the general message contained in Colin Tudge's article (Weekend, August 30), but serious debate must be supported with defensible information. The life of Friesian cows is not dire (farmers have every interest in preventing suffering), nor do most yield "2,000 gallons per year" going on 4,000. The UK average is just over 1,200 gallons.

We are not aware that geneticists are tweaking the growth hormone gene in the way he suggests: only through selection, better management and improved nutrition can even today's yields be achieved. The cow illustrated is not representative of the vast majority.

It is also not correct that only about 10 per cent of calves from the dairy herd are kept for replacements: the figure is closer to 40 per cent of all calves born. Finally, the "oversized" Belgian Blue bull you illustrated is not common on UK farms.

Yours faithfully,
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From Mr Colin Keron, MRCVS

Sir, Colin Tudge is right to draw attention to some of the animal welfare issues raised by current farming practices. The Farm Animal Welfare Council espouses freedom from hunger and thirst, environmental discomfort, pain, injury and disease, fear and distress and freedom to exhibit normal behaviour.

Enormous welfare benefits could be achieved without major structural changes to the industry and with minimal economic impact on the consumer.

The practical way forward is with schemes such as the RSPCA's "freedom foods" campaign, which is carefully constructed on the basis of the above "five freedoms" and existing legislation. Full and transparent compliance is required of producers, and retailers may then apply the RSPCA logo to provide consumers concerned about farm animal welfare with an alternative to veganism.

Yours etc,
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Cover slips

From the Commodore of the Air Transport Auxiliary Association

Sir, The Reverend Warren Greatrex (letter, August 27) appeals, in the interests of "efficiency", for women in uniform to be allowed to wear trousers.

In the Second World War, Air Transport Auxiliary women ferry pilots were issued with a smart uniform jacket and tight skirt. The latter was awkward when climbing in and out of a variety of aircraft or wearing a parachute. Grudgingly, after much pleading, we were given navy blue boiler suits to wear when flying.

A notice was promptly posted on the HQ board saying "Women members will remove their trousers immediately after landing."

Yours faithfully,
DIANA BARNATO WALKER,
Commodore,
Air Transport Auxiliary Association,
Horne Grange, Horne, Surrey.
August 28.

Fate of the Battersbys

From Mrs Blake Parker

Sir, I applaud the sentiments of Mr A. G. Newton (letter, September 2) concerning the nightmare Battersby family of *Coronation Street*. I have watched and enjoyed the programme for many years, but I despair at the new "realism" the producer considers necessary at a time of family viewing.

Yours faithfully,
D. K. PARKER,
Whytton House,
Steep, Petersfield, Hampshire.
September 2.

From Mr Aubrey Leahy

Sir, I wonder how long the Battersbys would stay if the 97 per cent of viewers who think the family should go wrote to the *Coronation Street* sponsors and promised to buy other brands of chocolate until the fruit and nutcases were removed from the show?

Yours faithfully,
A. M. LEAHY,
14 College Road,
Epsom, Surrey.
September 2.

Serious numbers

From Mr K. Pomroy

Sir, Is there a message in the Video PlusCodes published for September 1 to simplify programming our video recorders (Directory, August 30)?

Teletubbies (1791807)
Mastermind (17)
Coronation Street (3)

Yours sincerely,
K. POMROY,
13 Greenacres, Plymouth, Devon.
September 1.

COURT CIRCULAR

BUCKINGHAM PALACE
September 8: The Princess Royal this afternoon visited the National Birds of Prey Centre, Newent, and was received by Her Majesty's Lord-Lieutenant of Gloucestershire (Mr Henry Elwes).

CLARENCE HOUSE
September 8: Queen Elizabeth The Queen Mother, Colonel-in-Chief, The Black Watch (Royal Highland Regiment), today visited the 1st Battalion at Fort George, Inverness-shire.

The Lady Margaret Colville and Major David McMicking were in attendance.

Today's royal engagements

The Princess Royal, as Honorary Air Commodore, RAF Lyneham, will open the Help, Information, Volunteer Exchange (HIVE) at RAF Lyneham, Chippenham, Wiltshire at 9.30; as Member, The Merchants House of Glasgow, will visit the house and sign the Golden Book, 7 West George Street, Glasgow, at 11.35; as Patron, Victim Support Scotland, will launch VS 2000 Campaign, James Moir Hall, Mitchell Theatre Complex, Granville Street, Glasgow, at 12.30; and as Patron, Northern Lighthouse Board, will visit three new lights nearing completion on the west coast of the Hebrides, Western Isles between today and Thursday.

Christening

The infant daughter of Mr and Mrs Charles Bathurst was christened *Ianthe Elizabeth Sophie* by the Rev Desmond Minty at St Peter's Church, Wrockwardine, on Sunday, August 31. The godparents are Mr Robert Bathurst, Mr Robert Holden, Mrs Charles Barlow and Mrs Angus Macmillan-Douglas.

Dinner

Cardiff Business Club
The Lord-Lieutenant of South Glamorgan, Captain N. Lloyd Edwards, was present at a dinner held by the Club at the Park Hotel, Cardiff, last night. The guest speaker was the Right Hon William Hague, Leader of the Opposition. Mr Brian K. Thomas, CBE, Chairman, Cardiff Business Club, presided.

Anniversaries

BIRTHS: William Bligh, captain of *HMS Bounty*, Cornwall, 1754; Count Leo Tolstoy, writer, Yasnaya Polyana, Russia, 1828; Otis Redding, singer and songwriter, Dawson, Georgia, 1941.

DEATHS: William the Conqueror, reigned 1066-87, Rouen, 1087; Henri Toulouse-Lautrec, painter, Malrome, France, 1901; Mao Zedong (Mao Tse-tung), Chairman of the People's Republic of China 1949-59, Beijing, 1976.

Michael Keaton, the actor, is 46 today

Birthdays today

Mr R.B. Adams, former managing director, Peninsular and Oriental Steam Navigation Company, 76; Miss Pauline Baynes, book illustrator, 75; Sir Tom Cowie, company chairman, 75; Raine Comtesse de Chambrun, 68; Professor A.T. Florence, Dean, London University School of Pharmacy, 57; Mr Eric Forth, MP, 53; *Sir John Gorton, CH, former Prime Minister of Australia, 86;* Mr Neil Holmes, six times world champion powerboat racer, 38, Mr Robin Hyman, publisher, 66; Sir John Loveridge, former MP, 72; Viscount Mackintosh of Halifax, 39; Mr Steve O'Shaughnessy, cricketer, 36; the Rev Professor N.W. Porteous, theologian and linguist, 99; Mr James Sabben-Clare, Headmaster, Winchester College, 56; Mr Richard Sharpe, former rugby player, 59; Miss Mavis Steele, bowler, 69; Mr Dave Stewart, singer and record producer, 45; Dr the Hon Shirley Summerskill, former MP, 66; Mr Chaim Topol, actor and singer, 62; Miss Margaret Tyzack, actress, 66; Mr Ed Victor, literary agent, 58; Air Commodore R.H.G. Weighill, former secretary, Rugby Football Union, 77.

Appointment

Mr Colin Richard Fox to be a District Judge on the Northern Circuit.

School announcements

Birkdale School, Sheffield
The school year begins today, with 815 pupils in the school. David Wood is Head of School. Speech Day is on September 11, when the Guest of Honour will be the Rev Norman Drummond, Chairman and National Director, BBC Scotland. Performances of *Sweet Charity* will be given in the Heeley Hall on December 3, 4 and 5, and the Senior School Carol Service is in Sheffield Cathedral on December 16 when the Preacher will be the Rev Will Stileman, Vicar of Emmanuel, Chesham. Open Days are on October 18 (Senior School) and November 8 (Preparatory School).

Brighton College
Michaelmas Term begins on September 9. Dr Anthony Seldon becomes Headmaster. Barnaby James, Hampden, is Head of School and Elizabeth Jones, Fenwick, and Andrew Nichol, Hampden, are Deputy Heads of School. An Open Morning will be held on Saturday, September 20, and an Open Evening for girls and boys interested in joining the Sixth Form in September 1998 will be held on Thursday, October 9. Open Day is on Saturday, October 25, when the Guest of Honour will be Sir Lindsay Bryson, Chairman of the School Council and Lord-Lieutenant of East Sussex. The Sixth Form entrance examinations take place on Thursday, November 20. The Old Brightonian Association Dinner is on Saturday, December 6, and the Carol Service is on Saturday, December 13.

Charterhouse
The Oration Quarter begins today. Mr R.M.C. Gilliat takes up his appointment as Second Master and Dr A.J. Bennett as Under Master. Mr J.P. Freeman, Dr M. Loughlin and Mr N.T. Cooper become Housemasters of Gownboys, Weekites and Pageites. Ten new members join Brooke Hall, including *an Artist-in-Residence* and a Composer-in-Residence. Adrian Burrows is Head of School and Suzannah Chick is Head Girl. Henry Toulson is Captain of Football and Chiara Hunt is Captain of Lacrosse. There will be an Open Afternoon for 1998 entry girls on Saturday, September 20, at 2.15pm. A Gaudy will be held at the School on Saturday, October 11, for those who left in or before Oration Quarter 1945. The Sir Robert Birley Memorial Lecture will be given by Dr John Rae on Wednesday, October 15. Mr Terry Waite, CBE, will preach at the Remembrance Sunday Service on November 9. The Founder's Day Service and Dinner will be held at the London Charterhouse on Wednesday, December 10, and the sermon will be preached by the Headmaster. Exeat is from Friday, October 24, to Sunday, November 2. The Quarter ends on Saturday, December 13.

Durham School
The Michaelmas Term began on September 3, when Mr Neil G. Kern took up his appointment as Headmaster. Head of School is Christopher Hilton, KS, and Matthew Courtney, KS, Deputy. Speakers for the VI Form Lectures include the Right Hon Sir Leon Brittan and Miss Kate Adie. The Caffinites Sesquicentenary celebrations take place on Saturday, September 13. Term concludes on December 12 with the Carol Service in Durham Cathedral.

Eltham College
The Autumn term commenced at Eltham College on September 3 and will finish on December 12. There will be an Autumn Concert and Choral Concert on October 23 and November 20 respectively, and An Evening of European Drama on November 10. The play *Fair Maid of the West* will be performed on December 4 and 5. The Old Elthamian Winter Reunion will take place on December 6, with the Carol Service on December 7 (Junior School December 9 and 10).

King Edward's School, Witley, and Bridewell Royal Hospital
The Treasurer and Governors of Bridewell Royal Hospital will admit new boarders to King Edward's School, Witley, at the Admissions Court to be held at Guildhall today. Michaelmas Term begins on Wednesday, September 10. Charlotte Black is Head Girl and Innes Catton, Head Boy. Mr C.J. Alcock has taken up his appointment as Deputy Head, Colonel T.J. Maroney has become the Bursar and Mr P.F. Innes-Hill is Housemaster of Queen Mary. The Vivartis Arts Festival will run from October 17 to 24 and the school play *Dr Faustus* will be performed on November 28 and 29. Term will end with the Carol Services on Saturday, December 13.

Malvern Girls' College
The School Year begins today with Mrs Philippa M.C. Leggate, MA, MEd, PGCE, as the new Head of Malvern Girls' College. Mr John Frith, BA, FCA, will retire as Chairman of the College Council in November and will be succeeded by Mr Rex Tedd, QC, BCL, MA. The Head Girl is Caitlin Hughes and the Deputy Head Girl is Isabelle Jones. The Autumn Term finishes on Friday, December 12. There are 440 pupils this year in the Senior School and 50 in the Preparatory School. Open Days for parents of prospective pupils will be held on October 18 (Sixth Form) and November 8 (Middle School). The Charity Weekend fund-raising events will be on October 10-12. The Old Girls' Association will meet in Bristol on November 15. The Christmas Carol Service will be held in Malvern Priory at 11.30am on Friday, December 12.

Moira House, Eastbourne
Christmas Term begins today and ends on Wednesday, December 17. The following new staff join the school this term: Miss Lara Robinson as Director of Drama, Miss Katherine Penn and Mrs Wendy Lambert as members of the Physical Education Department, Mrs Joanne Gough and Mrs Anna D'Souza as Junior School teachers. Katie Clark and Christina Garrett continue as School Knights and Lisa Benson, Miruna Canagaratnam, Sarah-Jane Close, Justine Cordingley, Eileen Htwe, Harriet Phillips, Elizabeth Richardson and Belinda Samy as Standard Bearers. Open House is on Saturday, October 11, between 10.00am and 1pm. The Classicists visit Rome between October 24-27. The Senior Drama Production of *The House of Bernarda Alba* will be staged on the evenings of November 27 and 28. Moira House Choral Society will sing *Music for Christmas* on December 6 at All Saints' Chapel. The Christmas Bazaar will be held on Saturday, December 13, and the Annual Service of Nine Lessons and Carols will be held on Sunday, December 14, at All Saints' Church. The Skiing Expedition to Claviere takes place between January 4 and 11.

Northwood College
Northwood College opened for the Autumn term last week. Sabrina Mahtani is Head Girl and her Assistant is Laura Kern. Open Morning will be held on Saturday, September 27, and the Sixth Form Opportunities Evening on October 8. The College production of *Fiddler on the Roof* will take place on November 26, 27 and 28. The Guest of Honour at Speech Day on December 16 is Dame Fiona Caldicott, Principal of Somerville College, Oxford.

Prior's Field School
Term started on Wednesday, September 3. Lucy Cunningham is Head Girl and Sophie Crowe is Deputy. Term ends with the Carol Service in Charterhouse Chapel at 2.00pm on December 10, followed by a Christmas Fair at School.

Queen's College, London
Michaelmas Term begins today, and ends on Tuesday, December 16, after the annual Carol Service at 2pm in All Souls, Langham Place. Half Term is from October 22 to October 31 inclusive. Queen's College Associateships, which were the first ever academic qualifications awarded to women, have been given to the following girls: Elgiva Field, Xanthe Fuller, Veronica Haag, Georgina Jacobs, Seraphima Kennedy, Madeleine McGowan, Mikela Nahmad, Katie Oliver, Sejal Patel, Eva Watkinson, Emma Wells and Rebecca Wilcox. The programme of events to celebrate the College Sesquicentenary commences this term, with performances of *Princess Ida* by Gilbert and Sullivan on Wednesday, Thursday, Friday and Saturday, November 5, 6, 7 and 8. On Tuesday November 18 at 6.45pm there will be a public lecture, given by John Grigg and chaired by Lord Jenkins of Hillhead, OM, on 'F.D. Maurice — Reluctant Radical'. For full details and ticket application forms, please contact Janice Lavery on 0171 637 1260. We are still keen to hear from any old girls not yet in touch with the College.

Reed's School
Autumn Term begins today. The new Headmaster is Mr David W. Jarrett, MA. Thomas Worner is Captain of School and Sam Coleman Captain of Rugby Football. Open Mornings will be held on September 27 and November 15 and the Annual Foundation Appeal will be launched at Grocers' Hall on Thursday, October 16, under the Presidency of Mr Brian Winterflood. Term ends on Sunday, December 14, after the School Carol Service in Guildford Cathedral.

St David's College, Llandudno
The Autumn term starts this week. Oliver Benyon is Head Boy and Richard Wright his Deputy. House Captains are Jamie Moorhead (Cader), Oliver Powell (Snowdon) and Mathew Frolish (Tryfan). Fuad Hamzeh has been appointed to the new post of Senior Student. Earl Cadogan, DL, will open the new 6th Form Boarding House on October 18. Old Boys' weekend is November 8 and 9 and term ends after the Carol Service on December 12.

St Dunstan's College
The Governors of The St Dunstan's Educational Foundation are pleased to announce the appointment of Mr Ian Davies, MA, as Headmaster in succession to Mr David Moore, MA. Mr Davies is currently the Head of Lower School at Latymer Upper School. Mr Davies takes up his post at the start of the Lent Term 1998.

Thomas's London Day Schools
A Service of Thanksgiving to mark the 25th Anniversary of the founding of the Schools is to be held on Tuesday, September 30, 1997, at 2.30pm at Southwark Cathedral. This will be followed by a Reception from 6.00pm to 8.00pm at Thomas's Preparatory School Clapham, Broomwood Road, London SW11 6JZ, for former parents, members of staff and old boys and girls. Those wishing to attend are asked to contact Milly Larmer on 0171 978 4224 for details. Numbers for the Service are limited, but all are welcome at the Reception.

Woodbridge School
Term begins today, with Mr Nicholas Garrett taking up his appointment as Master of The Abbey and Mr Michael Streat as Deputy Head of the Senior School. Speech Day and Open Day are on September 20 and 27 respectively and the Hunter Trials are on November 16. The Junior Science exchange to Finland takes place in November and the Old Woodbridgian Christmas Reunion is on Saturday, December 20.

Forthcoming marriages

The Revd N.I. Moir
and Dr R.C. Love
The engagement is announced between Nicholas, youngest son of Sir Ernest and Lady Moir, of Kingston upon Thames, and Rosalind, elder daughter of Mr and Mrs John Love, of Llangybi, Monmouthshire.

Mr J.A.S. Alderson
and Miss M.L. Whitlock
The engagement is announced between James Alexander Sebastian, youngest son of Mr and Mrs Antony Alderson, of Clifton, Bristol, and Marcia Louise, younger daughter of Mrs Irene Whitlock, of Earlsdon, Warwickshire, and of Mr David Whitlock, of Wootton, Northamptonshire.

Mr D. Brown
and Mrs J. Bond
The marriage takes place today at Hassop Hall Hotel, Bakewell, Derbyshire, between Mr Derek Brown and Mrs Judy Bond, both of Youlgreave, Derbyshire.

Captain D.C. Gaul
and Miss A.H.R. Pounder
The engagement is announced between Captain David Gaul, Royal Signals, son of Mr and Mrs Christopher Gaul, of Pitlochry, Scotland, and Helen, daughter of the late Mr Rafton Pounder and of Mrs Rafton Pounder, of Orlock, Co Down, Northern Ireland.

Mr P.R.F. Hipwell
and Miss A.M. Aitken
The engagement is announced between Piers, son of Mr James Hipwell and Mrs Angela Hipwell, of Norwich, and Alice, youngest daughter of Mr and Mrs John Aitken, of Harrow on the Hill.

Mr N.J.P. Potter
and Miss A.K. MacIver
The engagement is announced between Nicholas, son of Mr and Mrs Richard Potter, of Silverstone, Northamptonshire, and Annabel, second daughter of Wing Commander amd Mrs Duncan MacIver, of Great Chishill, Cambridgeshire.

Mr P. Heyworth
and Miss S.A. Russell
The engagement is announced between Piers, son of Mr Patrick Heyworth and the late Mrs Unity Heyworth, of Kington Magna, Dorset, and Sarah, daughter of Mr and Mrs Richard Russell, of Bray, Berkshire.

Mr C.P. Jones
and Miss K.R. Moss
The engagement is announced between Christopher, son of Mr and Mrs Cedric Jones, of Rowledge, Surrey, and Karen, daughter of Mr and Mrs Clifford Moss, of Hindhead, Surrey.

Dr T.M. Skinner
and Dr C.M.D. Don
The engagement is announced between Tom, son of Mr and Mrs Neil Skinner, of Winchester, and Cecily, youngest daughter of Mr Gavin Don, of Forres, Morayshire, and the late Mrs Gavin Don.

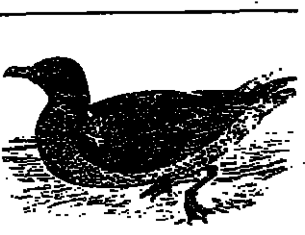
Mr D. Williams
and Miss A.F. Roberts
The engagement is announced between Dylan, son of the late Mr Evan (E.L.) Williams and of Mrs Williams, of Newtown, Powys, and Alex, youngest daughter of the late Mr Richard Roberts and of Mrs Roberts, of Puttenham, Surrey.

Marriages

Mr D.L. Gilbert
and Miss L.D.H. Gambol
The marriage took place on August 31, at St Peter and Paul Church, Honolulu, Hawaii, of Mr Damian Luke Gilbert to Miss Lianne Deneen Hokulani Gambol. The honeymoon is being spent in Mexico.

Mr O.H. Williams
and Miss L.C. Knight
The marriage took place on Saturday, September 6, at St Paul's, Knightsbridge, of Mr Oliver Williams, son of Mr Robert Williams and the late Mrs Christina Harrod, to Miss Lucinda Knight, daughter of Mr Bobby Knight and Mrs George Docker.

Nature notes



The skua

ARCTIC skuas are appearing round the coasts of Britain: they look like fierce brown gulls, and they chase a gull or a tern on the wing until it drops the fish it was carrying or disgorges the last fish it ate. Then the skua catches the food in the air.

Among other southbound migrants, parties of yellow wagtails can be seen in grassy places along the shore, and a few late swifts are passing through. Among the resident birds, some wrens are singing and the trilling song of the kingfisher can occasionally be heard over rivers. Large flocks of linnets are descending on the ripe seeds of mugwort and charlock.

Yellow horned poppy is still in flower on shingly beaches: if it is picked, a sticky yellow juice oozes out of the stalk. On viper's bugloss the leaves have generally dried up, but there are still bright blue flowers set in a hairy calyx. In hedgeside ditches, there are clusters of poisonous red berries on the cuckoo-pint, and tall goosegrass plants with hooked seeds that cling to clothes and dog fur. Sweet peas and Michaelmas daisies attract hordes of hoverflies, some looking like moths or bees. DJM

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TRADE: 0171 481 1982
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A stranger asked, 'Good Teacher, what must I do to win eternal life? Jesus said to him, 'Why do you call me good? No one is good except God alone.' Mark 10 : 17,18.

BIRTHS

ALLDRITT - On 7th September 1997 at Royal Surrey County Hospital, Guildford, to Jane Elizabeth (née Glasper) and Neil David, a beautiful daughter, Holly Diana.

BADDELEY - On 3rd September 1997, to Fiona (née McCormack) and David, a son, Jonathan Cormac, a brother for Robert.

BEECHAM - On September 3rd at The Portland Hospital, to Sarah (née Rosswick) and Andrew, a son, Oliver Sam, a brother for Hannah.

BERLIAND - On August 21st 1997, to Lucilla (née Fleming) and Richard, a daughter, Chloe Alexandra, a sister for Henry and Miranda.

BRADY - On 29th August 1997, to Lucy (née Cooper) and Adrian, a daughter, Emma Caroline, a sister for Catriona and James.

DOWN - To Julien and Anne on September 5th 1997, a son, James Marcus Henry, a brother for Elizabeth.

FOX - On 29th August 1997, to Joanne and Jared, a son, Cameron Garland.

FUNKE - On September 2nd at The Portland Hospital, to Eileen and Georg, a beautiful daughter, Marie-Christin.

GABRIEL - On September 7th 1997, to Wendy and Roger, a son, Peter William Philip, a brother for Paul and Jonathan.

GRUENSTERN - On August 30th 1997, to Elizabeth and Neil, a daughter, Sophie Louise - a sister for Helena.

HELPS - On 3rd September to Wendy, at Leicester Royal Infirmary, a beautiful baby girl, Summer.

HILL - On September 7th, to Rachel (née Tinney) and Marcus, a daughter, Emma Sophie Diana, a sister for George.

JOFRÉ - On September 4th at The Portland Hospital, to Laura (née Gaines) and Jaime, a daughter, Sofia Mar.

KETTLE - On August 26th 1997 at Warwick Hospital, to Ginny (née Hunter) and Christopher, a son, Rupert John William.

KILGOUR - On September 2nd, to Victoria (née Kilpatrick) and John, a daughter, Rosabel - a sister for Mungo.

LINDSAY - On 7th September, to Alastair and Heather, a daughter, Polly Alexandra.

McCOY - On August 28th at The Portland Hospital, to Ginger (née Jarman) and Jeff, a daughter, Mary Claire.

MEYLER - On 6th September, to Lydia (née Osmond) and Brendan, a daughter, Isabel Julia.

MULLAN - On September 4th 1997 at University College Hospital, to Harriet Stewart and John Mullan, a daughter, Maud Lucy Emily, 8lbs 13oz.

NESBITT - On 4th September, to Francesca and John, a daughter, Rose Jessica.

NORTH - On 3rd September at the American Hospital, Dubai, to June and Paul, a son, Maxwell Pierce, a brother for Thomas Giles.

PRETOR-PINNEY - On September 2nd 1997, to Caroline (Carlie née Bird) and Giles, a daughter, Lucia Ella Lacey.

ROBSON - On 26th August, to Rupert and Alexandra (née Morris), a son, Samuel Salisbury Houston, a brother for Frederick.

ROGOWSKI - On September 5th at The Portland Hospital, to Natasha (Stewart) and Kevin John Sr., a son, Kevin John Jr.

THOMPSON - On September 5th at The Portland Hospital, to Michelle Glover and Richard Thompson, a son, George David.

WHITEHEAD - On 26th August 1997, to Charlotte (née Edwards) and Nicholas, a daughter, Alys Florence.

GOLDEN ANNIVERSARIES

CASSELS:BRUCE - Ralph and Margery at Saint Andrews Cathedral Singapore 6th September 1947.

DEATHS

BEAMISS - Richard, Captain Welsh Guards (retd.) aged 59 of Finchampstead, Berkshire. Died peacefully on 6th September after a long, bravely fought illness. Much loved husband of Ranjit and beloved father of Nim and Jacqueline. Funeral Service will be at Easthampstead Crematorium, nr. Bracknell, 11th September at 2.30 pm.

BROCKHURST - On September 7th., peacefully at home after a short illness, Roger Blackburn, aged 82 years. Funeral Service at Bournemouth Crematorium on Friday September 12th, at 11.00am. Family flowers; for in memoriam donations, please contact F.W. House & Sons, F/D, Lymington, Hampshire. 01590 673142.

BROWNE - Margaret Ann died on September 8th 1997 in hospital. Beloved wife of Michael and mother of Tom and Freddie. Funeral Service will take place at St Dionis Church, Parsons Green, SW6, at 10.30 am Friday 12th September 1997 followed by burial at Putney Vale Cemetery. Flowers: Town and Country Flowers (0171) 736-4683.

BUCHANAN-DUNLOP - Marguerite Louise died peacefully on September 4th 1997, beloved grandmother to George Nares. Funeral Service at St Stephen's Church, Gloucester Road, on Friday 12th September at 11am. Enquiries to Chelsea F/D, 260B Fulham Road, SW10, tel: (0171) 352-0008.

BURGESS - At The Sussex Private Clinic on Saturday 6th September 1997, beloved husband of the late Sylvia Constance, father of Anthony and Simon, and grandfather. Private funeral service at Mortlake Crematorium on Tuesday 16th September at 11 am. All enquiries please to J.H. Kenyon (0171) 937-0757.

BURROW - Richard John, Solicitor of Heathfield, died tragically on Thursday 4th September. His funeral will take place at 2 pm on Thursday 11th September at All Saints Parish Church, Old Heathfield, followed by committal at Eastbourne Crematorium at 3.15 pm. All are welcome. Flowers and enquiries to Heathfield Funeral Service, Hailsham Road, Heathfield, E. Sussex. Tel: (01435) 862648.

CASTELL - Bess. On 4th September. Peacefully in hospital. Loved wife of the late Eric, mother of Pat and Dee, and grandmother of Andrew and Fiona. By her request a quiet funeral Wednesday 10th September.

CAIRNS - On September 4th, suddenly at Dumfries and Galloway Royal Infirmary, Audrey Wrench (née Jackson), dearly loved wife of Alexander Cunningham Cairns and mother of Robert (deceased) and Virginia. Funeral at 11 am September 10th at Greyfriars Church, Kirkcudbright. Family flowers only please.

CHAMBERS - Talbot Alexander (St Patricks Hospital Dublin 8) 7th September 1997. Peacefully in hospital after a long illness patiently borne; paratrooper of Arnhem, wounded in action. Beloved brother of Roland and brother-in-law of Patti (Australia). Funeral Service at Glasnevin Crematorium on Wednesday 10th September 12.30 pm.

CLARKE - Ida died peacefully at home on Saturday September 6th aged 87, wife of the late Ned Clarke, much missed by many friends, children, grandchildren and great-grandchildren. Funeral Service to be held at the City of Norwich (Earlham) Crematorium on Friday September 12th at 2.30 pm. No flowers please. Donations to Dr Barnardos c/o Peter Taylor Funeral Services, 85 Unthank Road, Norwich.

COHEN - Michael Mourad died peacefully on 8th September 1997 at the Wellington Hospital. Beloved husband of Sonia. Much loved father of Ronald and André and grandfather. A devoted and generous friend to his family, friends and all who knew him. Cremation on Wednesday, 10th September at 3.00pm at The West Chapel, Golders Green Crematorium, Hoop Lane, London NW11.

COLLEY - On September 3rd tragically whilst swimming, Elizabeth Mary. Beloved wife of Owen Cracknell, much loved sister and aunt. Funeral Tuesday September 23rd at 2 pm at St Leonard's Church, Hythe. Family flowers only, but donations if desired for Cancer Research c/o Hambrook & Johns, 1 Dymchurch Road, Hythe, Kent CT21 6AX.

DAVIDSON-HOUSTON - On 6th September 1997, at the Princess Alice Hospice, Tania, beloved daughter of Vernie and of the late Lt. Col. Clear Davidson-Houston, much loved twin sister of Sonia and sister of Ingrid, Dorie, Patrick and Stewart. Funeral Service at St Andrew's Church, Oxshott on Friday 12th September at 2pm followed by private cremation. No flowers by request, but donations, if desired, to the Princess Alice Hospice, c/o Frederick W. Paine, 108 High Street, Esher, Surrey KT10 9QJ.

DAWKINS - Aubert Harold died peacefully September 5th aged almost 92 years, late of Assam. Loved and cherished husband of Betty and much respected father of his late sons Michael and Stephen and of their families in Australia. Service at Poole Crematorium on Thursday September 11th at 3 pm. Family flowers only please.

DOBBS - On 6th September 1997 peacefully. John Hedley (priest) aged 94 years. Beloved husband of the late Frances and much loved father of Priscilla and Evelyn. The Funeral Service will take place at St Nicolas Church, Cranleigh, on Friday 12th September at 2 pm followed by burial. Flowers to Cranleigh Funerals tel: (01483) 275758.

de BREYNE - André Felix on Saturday 6th September peacefully at home aged 95 years, dearly loved husband of Victoria. Funeral Service Putney Vale Crematorium Thursday 18th September at 2.30 pm. Family flowers only. Donations, if desired, to Keble College, Oxford.

DREVER - Marjorie peacefully on Monday September 8th, beloved wife of Desmond Dreyer of Chariton. Funeral Service at St Michael and All Angels, Chariton, on Friday September 12th at 3 pm. Family flowers only. Enquiries to Jno. Steel & Son, Chesil House, Winchester. Telephone (01962) 844044.

DRUMMOND MORAY - Jeanetta Ruth, beloved wife of the late James, 6th September peacefully at Crieff Cottage Hospital. Funeral Service Sowlis Wester Parish Church 3 pm Friday 12th September. Family flowers only.

FENNER - On September 6th 1997, Derek aged 63 of New Polzeath, Cornwall. Beloved husband of Diana and a dear father and grandfather. Funeral St Minver Church, Friday September 12th, 11am. Donations in lieu of flowers for Cornwall Leukaemia Trust c/o R. Bray, Bridgend, Wadebridge, Cornwall.

FRETWELL - Dorothy, aged 96, peacefully in her sleep on the 4th September at Coxhill Manor Nursing Home, Chobham. Funeral Service at Putney Vale Crematorium at 10.30 am on 12th September. Remembrance and committal at Old Brampton Church, Chesterfield at 2.30 pm on 24th September.

GOULDING - John Bryan, aged 68, died peacefully at home on 6th September after a short but gallant fight against cancer. Will be sorely missed by his mother, his wife June, his children Jill, Charles and Suzy and his grandchildren Anna, Vicky, Patrick and Amy. Family flowers only. Donations to Rocky Appeal or Marie Curie Cancer Care, c/o Grady Funeral Directors, Mengham Road, Hayling Island. Funeral at Chichester Crematorium, Thursday 11th September at 12.30 pm.

GRANT - Peacefully on September 4th 1997, Ian Grant B.Eng., dearly loved husband of Sylvia and father of Andrew and Paula. Funeral Service at Holy Trinity Church, Penn, Bucks, on Wednesday 10th September at 3.30 pm. Donations for the British Brain and Spinal Foundation c/o H.C. Grimstead Ltd., Tilbury House, Shepherds Lane, Beaconsfield, Bucks. HP9 2DU.

GRUNDY - June on Monday 8th September at Oakhaven Hospice, Lymington after eighteen months of painful illness, bravely borne. Much loved wife of Philip and mother of Christopher, Paul and Alicia. Private family cremation followed by Thanksgiving Service at Boldre Church at 3.15 pm on Monday 15th September. Donations rather than flowers, please, to Oakhaven Hospice or Bournemouth Samaritans c/o Diamond & Sons, 9-11 Lower Buckland Road, Lymington, Hants.

HAINES - Anne (née Bosworth), wife of Jackie, Bursar of Falcon Manor School, died on 3rd September 1997 following prolonged illness. Funeral Greens Norton Parish Church 3 pm Thursday 11th September.

HARRISON - Jacqueline Denise Asskib (née Van Der Eb). On September 2nd 1997 peacefully aged 70 years. Beloved Wife of the late Dennis, devoted Mother of Claire, Louise and the late Nicholas and Grandmother to Emily, Katy and Joseph. Very loved and sorely missed. Requiem Mass and Interment took place on Friday 5th September 1997. Donations in her memory and for the benefit of the Macmillan Cancer Fund may be sent to Kenneth Dewey & Sons (Funeral Directors), 2 Grove Lane, Hale, Altrincham, Cheshire WA15 8JH. Tel: 0161-980 7010.

HAY - Peacefully in his sleep at his home Delgatie Castle, Turriff, on Saturday September 6th 1997, Captain John Westwood Hay of Delgatie aged 91 years (formerly of The Imperial Indian Army), dearly loved husband of the late Everild Nickalls. A Thanksgiving Service for his life will be held in St Ninian's and Forglen Parish Church, Turriff, on Saturday September 13th at 11.30 am, thereafter to Old Churchyard, Turriff. All friends respectfully invited. Family flowers only please but donations if desired may be given at the church door for the Friends of Turriff Hospital in appreciation for the loving care the Captain received on the occasions he was there.

HEARN - Avril Joy, peacefully at home on September 4th. Beloved wife of Dan, mother of Richard and Maria and grandmother of Daniel, Natasha and Paul. Funeral at St Mary's Church, Overton, Hampshire, at 1.30 pm on Thursday September 11th. Enquiries to Howe & Son, Funeral Directors, (01635) 298303.

HIGGINS - Alec Wilfred MBE MC TD JP DL. On September 5th 1997 peacefully at The East Sussex Clinic, St Leonards-on-Sea, aged 82. Beloved husband of Denise, loving father of Colin, Nigel and Avril. Past Deputy Chairman of Lloyd's of London. Funeral Service to be held at Eastbourne Crematorium, Hide Hollow, Langley, Eastbourne, at 11.30 am Friday 12th September. Family flowers only please. Donations if desired to Cancer Relief Macmillan Fund, Lloyds Bank, Little Common Road, Bexhill-on-Sea, East Sussex.

KNIGHT - Ronald James of Droitwich, Worcs., peacefully in his sleep on September 7th 1997 aged 90 years. Will be sadly missed by his sons James, Paul, Christopher and Peter and their families. Funeral Service at Worcester Crematorium on Thursday September 11th at 11 am. Family flowers only. Donations if desired to Cancer Research and/or R.S.P.C.A. c/o George Crump & Son, Funeral Directors, 33 Hanbury Road, Droitwich, Worcs. WR9 8PW.

LAMBERT - On 4th September peacefully at home Constance Babington, dearly loved mother of Georgina and Robert and adored grandmother of Edward and Stephanie. Funeral Service at 10.30 am Wednesday 10th September at All Saints Church, Milford-on-Sea.

LEE - David Joseph (Joe) BDS. Died peacefully in hospital on Friday 4th September. Will be sadly missed by his family and friends. Funeral Service at Putney Vale Crematorium, Stag Lane, SW15, on Friday 12th September at 12 noon. Family flowers only. Donations if desired to the MS Society c/o Edwin Bassett Funeral Directors, 229 St John's Hill, London SW11. Tel: 0171 228 0360.

LEEK - (formerly Wilson née Cadbury) Janine Heather. Loved daughter of Michael and Heather, beautiful Mummy of Kate and Caroline Wilson, sister to Duncan and Andrew. Died suddenly at home on 3rd September, aged 50 years. Funeral arranged for 2pm, Friday 12th September at Lodge Hill Crematorium, Birmingham. Family flowers only, donations if wished to National Asthma Campaign.

McEWEN - Elizabeth Lois died on Sunday 7th September at Goldsborough House, Highgate, widow of Ian McEwen, mother of David, Priscilla and Janet McEwen, grandmother of Suzannah, Emma, Jaspar, Beth and Thomas. Rest In Peace. Funeral on Thursday 11th September. Flowers to W.G. Miller Funeral Directors, 93 and 95 Essex Road, Islington, London N1 2SJ.

MONK - Dorothy Frances (Robin) née Chapman on 2nd September 1997 peacefully after a short illness at St Richard's Hospital, Chichester. Memorial Service at Binsted Church, nr. Arundel on Monday, September 15th at 2 pm. No flowers, but donations may be sent to The Red Cross, Chichester. Enquiries to Edward White & Son, 01243 782136.

MORROW - John Bradley on 6th September after a long illness bravely borne, aged 55. Beloved husband of Anita and father of John. Funeral and woodland burial at Greenhaven, Lilbourne, Warwickshire, on Monday 15th September at 4 pm. Donations instead of flowers to St Michael's Hospice, Hereford. Enquiries contact Mrs Atkins (01788) 860604.

NEWBY - Howard CBE, former managing director of BBC radio and distinguished novelist, husband to Joan and father to Sarah and Katie, died peacefully at home on 6th September 1997. His funeral will be in Garsington Church, Oxfordshire at 1.30 pm on Thursday 11th September followed at 2.30 pm by cremation at Oxford Crematorium. Family flowers only. Donations to the Diana Princess of Wales Memorial Fund. For further details please ring 01865-864636.

NORMAN-WALKER - Brigadier Ronald Alexander. Suddenly but peacefully at home, on Saturday 6th September, aged 77. Dearly loved and much missed husband, father, brother and grandfather. Thanksgiving Service at Cirencester Parish Church on Thursday 11th September at 3 pm. No flowers. Donations, if desired, to the Brunswick Club for Young People, Haldane Road, Fulham, London, SW6 7EU.

PEARCE - Guy Keith aged 52 on September 6th. Much loved husband of Carole, loving father of Tamsyn and Alexandra and son of Joy. Service at Leek Wootton Church, Warwick, at 12 noon Wednesday September 10th. Flowers to John Taylor Funeral Directors, Leamington Spa.

PHILIP - Mary Mulroy; (May). On 6th September, following a brief illness, in The Bristol Royal Infirmary. Sister to Peter, Tommy, Joanne and Jeannie. Nanny to the Lane family: Valentine, Judith, Robin, Toby and Hugo, and to countless other children. Adored by them all. Funeral at St Mary's, Cotham, Bristol at 12.45 pm, on Monday 15th September.

PULLAR - Philippa passed away at home 7th September. Service details to follow.

ROBINSON - Elizabeth of Woodbridge, Suffolk, peacefully on September 5th 1997, aged 83 years. Special hugely loved and loving Mother, Sister, Mother-in-Law, Auntie, Granny, Great-Granny and Friend. Funeral Service to be held at St Marys Church, Woodbridge on September 15th at 10.45am. Family flowers only, donations if desired for Cancer Relief Macmillan Fund to E.R. Button & Sons Ltd., 24 St John's Street, Woodbridge, IP12 1EB.

SEYMOUR - Ursula Diana Duke (née Duke-Woolley) of Standlake, Oxon. Passed away suddenly but peacefully in the J.R. II Hospital, Oxford on 3rd September 1997. Beloved mother of Jacqueline Delhaye. Devoted grandmother of Dashiel and sister to Bobbie Shaw. The funeral service will take place at St Mary Magdalen Church, Whatlington, Battle, Sussex on Wednesday September 10th 1997 at 2.30pm. Flowers to the church please or donations if desired for Sobell House Hospice c/o Green & Co, 21 High Street, Eynsham, Oxon. OX8 1HE. Tel: 01865 880837.

SKINNER - Brian Leslie passed away peacefully on 4th September 1997. Much loved and missed. Funeral Service at Golders Green Crematorium at 9.30 am on Friday 12th September. Family flowers only. Donations if desired to Cancer Relief Macmillan Fund.

THEOBALD - Elizabeth Ann, née Corse, tragically, aged 34 in Tanzania (Selous) on 27th August. Beloved wife of Carmichael and mother to George and Toby. Memorial Service on Wednesday 17th September 1997 at 5 pm in All Saints Cathedral, Nairobi. Donations, if desired, to Sand Rivers Selous Rhinoceros Project. Fax No: 00 255 51 865731 or 617060.

TURNER - Ruth, peacefully at home at Paradise House, Boscastle, among her family on 6th September 1997. Funeral service at Minster Church on Wednesday, 10th September, at 2.30pm. No flowers please, but donations to Cornwall Macmillan Service or to Marie Curie Cancer Care may be sent to Stephens & Harris, Trewalder, Delabole, Cornwall, (01840) 212340.

VAUGHAN - Dorothy Helen Powys, aged 92, very peacefully in her sleep at home. Funeral Monday 15th September 11.45am at St John's Haughton followed by cremation. Garden flowers welcome. Collection and donations for Water Aid please. 118 Wigton Road, Carlisle. Phone: 01228 21913.

VINE - Richard George OBE MD FRCP 7th September 1997. Husband of Evelyn and father of Geraldine, John and Penny. Enquiries to A.J. Wakely & Sons (01308) 423726.

WALKER - Louis Charles Vivian at home on September 3rd 1997. Beloved husband of Bea, father of Simon, Stephen, Catherine and Sunissa. Grandfather of Jeremy, Gini, Ruben, Daniel, Judith and Louis. Funeral Service at St Michaels', Highgate, at 3 pm on Thursday September 11th, followed by interment at Highgate Cemetery.

WELLER - Joan Damaris on Thursday September 4th aged 96 years, beloved widow of Sam, much loved mother, grandmother and great-grandmother.

WHITE - Bessie, on September 5th, peacefully at Grundisburgh Hall aged 97; dearly loved Nannie for 65 years to Philip Cranworth, Jeryl Smith-Ryland, Jane Maclay and to the late Charlie Gurdon; and beloved Gan-Nan to Louisa-Jane, Robin, and Charlie Gurdon; Robin, Sarah, Joanna, David, and Petra Smith-Ryland; Alistair, Amy, Lucy and Lachie Gordon. Also much loved Sister and Aunt. Funeral at St Mary's Church Grundisburgh on Wednesday 17th September at 12 noon.

WILLIAMS - Peter Temple, R.N. (retd.). Died 31st August 1997 at Mamaku, Rd 10, Masterton, N.Z. Loved husband of Daphne and father of Fiicka and Gay.

YORK - John Miles. On September 5th 1997 aged 87 years. Devoted and dearly loved husband of the late Margery, much loved father and father-in-law of Maureen and Michael and grandfather of Victoria and Simon. Funeral Service at the Altrincham Crematorium on Thursday September 11th at 2.30 pm. Family flowers only, donations for The Stroke Association may be sent to Messrs Ashton Brookes Funeral Directors, Church Street, Altrincham. Tel: 0161 928 7816.

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MOBUTU SESE SEKO

Mobutu Sese Seko, President of Zaire (formerly the Congo), 1965-97, died of cancer in exile in Morocco on *September 7 aged 66. He* was born at Lisala in the upper regions of the Congo on October 14, 1930.

In May 1963, Joseph *Mobutu*, then holding the rank of major-general, walked into a camp of *mutinous* policemen on the outskirts of Leopoldville (now Kinshasa) and curtly ordered *them to put down* their guns. Meekly, they obeyed. Mobutu's troops then moved in, *stripped the policemen* to their underpants and paraded them to the ridicule of a delighted *crowd. The* incident encapsulates the blend of courage, cruelty and showmanship that *would enable* Mobutu to become master of one of Africa's largest, richest and most ungovernable countries, and to remain in power *there for* 32 years.

Until he fled the country *earlier this year, surrendering* power almost without a struggle to the rebel forces of *Laurent Kabila. Mobutu* was Africa's longest-surviving dictator. For much of his ruinous reign, even as they suffered the privations and chaos brought about by his mismanagement of the country, the majority of his *countrymen retained* a wary respect for his ability to humiliate his enemies, his *arrogant display* of sheer power, and the immense wealth he appropriated for himself.

Mobutu had undoubted political acumen. It enabled him to neutralise his rivals and to win the respect, if not the love, *of fellow African leaders. It* also won him the backing of powerful friends among Western political leaders, who regarded him as a useful bulwark against communism and therefore turned a blind *eye to his personal excesses*, his administrative ineptness and his culpability for human rights abuses — at least until the Cold War ended.

Perhaps his greatest achievement was simply to *maintain for as long as he did*, in post-colonial Africa, the fragile unity of a state made up of more than 200 ill-matched tribal groupings living within (and across) the borders of a one million square mile area *around the Congo River basin.*

Joseph Désiré Mobutu was the son of a Roman Catholic *mission* cook and was educated at various local Catholic schools in what was in those *days the* Belgian Congo. In 1950, when he was 20, he was expelled from school for *throwing ink* at his teacher, and conscripted into the Army as a punishment. He was then *a slight*, bespectacled, unmilitary-looking youth, and his seven years in the Congolese Army were spent as a clerk.

He also dabbled in journalism, and when his term of *military* service came to an end he worked as a journalist in Leopoldville. He did so with such success that he was made editor of the weekly *Actualités Africaines* and was soon afterwards sent to Brussels for further studies.

It was during this period that Mobutu became involved in politics. *He joined Patrice* Lumumba's Mouvement National Congolais, and his zeal *and hard work were* rewarded when Lumumba became Prime Minister of an independent *Congo in July 1960.* Mobutu was appointed chief of staff to the new commander of the Congolese Army, General Lundula.

Mobutu took this opportunity to build up a personal following in the *armed forces.* When President Kasavubu attempted to dismiss Lumumba *as Prime Minister*, Lumumba resisted, demanding in turn the removal by parliament of Kasavubu. Mobutu stepped in, *resolving the deadlock* by announcing his intention to suspend all political *institutions. He* proceeded to rule the country with the assistance of a group of young associates, mostly university graduates, known as the Binza Boys.

One of Mobutu's first acts was to break off diplomatic *relations with the Soviet* Union and with other states which continued to support Lumumba. Lumumba soon afterwards met a violent death, having been arrested and handed over to secession*ist elements in Katanga while attempting to join up with his* own supporters in Stanleyville (now Kisangani).

The next serious threat to Mobutu's position came from Moise Tshombe and his attempts to make the mineral-rich province of Katanga into a separate state, an attempt which was foiled more perhaps by the intervention of a United Nations force of 10,000 men than by the efficiency of Mobutu's own resources. In an attempt to unify the country, Tshombe was *appointed* Prime Minister in 1964.

But the conflict between President and Prime Minister was a repeat of the 1960 conflict, with President Kasavubu attempting to dismiss Tshombe as Prime Minister and the army, led by Mobutu, *intervening once again*. Mobutu again took power as president of a military high *command, for what* he promised would be a trial period of five years.

His position was further secured in 1966 by the arrest and public hanging before a 300,000-strong crowd of four of his political opponents. The executions were greeted with worldwide revulsion, but to no effect.

This was not the end of internal rivalries and tribal *revolts, nor of punitive* measures in a similar vein. But Mobutu's position was now sufficiently secure for him to turn his attention to some of the formidable economic and social problems facing his *country*.

He nationalised the powerful Union Minière, but he also *encouraged private investment* from the United States and Western Europe for the development of Congo's huge natural resources. He invited Israel to train his personal military force in commando *techniques*.

At the same time he evolved the distinctive political philosophy and style which were designed to eradicate all memories of the Congo's colonial past, and to instil a sense of national pride. His catchphrase was "a return to African authenticity".

Having departed from *Western democratic traditions* by getting himself elected President by ten million votes to 157, and by declaring his own party, the Mouvement Populaire de la Révolution, to be, in perpetuity, the only *legitimate political organisation*, he renamed the country Zaire and abolished all the Western *place names. He took* for himself the traditional names Sese Seko Kuku Ngbendu wa za Banga, officially translated as "the all-powerful *warrior who by* endurance and determination will go from conquest to *conquest, leaving fire in his* wake".

He now set about improving his relations with African and Arab states. He was elected chairman of the Organisation of African Unity in 1967 and in *the following year* he was a generous and lavish host to the organisation in his re*named capital of Kinshasa*.

He continued to exercise absolute power as President and "Great Helmsman" of the *republic of Zaire*, and between 1970 and 1977 dealt ruthlessly with a number of plots to *ovethrow him.*

In March 1977 the remnants of Tshombe's former army, who had no great faith in Mobutu's promises of clemency, crossed the border between Angola and Zaire in the south-*eastern part of Shaba. They* were supported by Angola and its Soviet-bloc allies. Mobutu made an appeal for outside help when his troops failed to distinguish themselves, and he got an immediate response *from Morocco*, which offered troops, and from the French, who airlifted the Moroccans *in. By May the first Shaba war* was over.

The crisis affected a number of high political and service figures and, a year later, the military establishment was purged following another plot. The purging process was also set in motion in Shaba.

Disaffection towards the *Kinshasha regime* did not *lessen, and this brought about* the second Shaba war. In May 1978 several thousand troops *from Angola crossed the Zam*bian border and entered Shaba. There followed direct French military intervention and Belgium organised an airlift which was said to be humanitarian in purpose. In *June a pan-African peacekeep*ing formation was sent, and countries friendly to Zaire *dispatched military instruc*tors to start, once more, the task of making Mobutu's armed forces a more credible body of men.

By the early 1980s the combination of internal divisions *and corrupt, inefficient and* often cruel administration had brought Zaire close to economic chaos. Nor was the *situation* helped when, in 1981, Mobutu ended the longstanding relationship between De Beers and Zaire, *then the world's* biggest producer of industrial diamonds.

*As elsewhere in such condi*tions of near chaos, the IMF and the World Bank offered help, conditional on reforms and prudent management which Mobutu's Government was at first unable or unwill*ing to deliver. It was estimated* that by 1982 Zaire owed $946 million in unpaid interest charges *on IMF loans.*

By 1983, however, Mobutu seemed to have seen the writing on the wall. The relationship with De Beers was restored. Frictions which had terminated or harmed relations with Belgium, the US and Israel were overcome, and efforts were made to meet international financial conditions by reducing public expenditure, *increasing* exports of coffee, copper and cobalt, stabilising the currency and liberalising trade.

Aided by these improvements and by sentences of 15 *years' imprisonment* for 38 men accused of trying to form a political opposition, Mobutu was in 1984 re-elected President for a third seven-year term with only fractionally less than 100 *percent of the* votes cast.

Mobutu subsequently *attempted to* play a peacemaking role in Angola and met President de Klerk of South Africa and President Bush. But as the demand for an end to one-party rule swept Africa *in the wake of the collapse of* communism in Eastern Europe, he began to lose his *iron grip on power in Zaire.*

With the country's economy a shambles, the currency in free fall, the administrative and industrial infrastructure destroyed, the army mutinous and violence *rife* in the capital, Mobutu was forced, in April 1990, to accept a multiparty system.

There were few real signs of democracy, however, and no obvious curbs on his presiden*tial power. A conference* established in August 1991 to draft a new constitution was subsequently *suspended* many times. A dissident political leader emerged in Etienne Tshisekedi, who at first spurned Mobutu's offer to become Prime Minister and, having later been appointed to *the post* by the national conference, refused Mobutu's demands that he step down. *Thus did the power plays of 30* years earlier repeat themselves.

As the so-called "transitional period" showed no sign of coming to an end, dissent and opposition continued to grow; *there was rioting, with* Government forces as likely to be found taking part as engaged *in restoring order. There was* an army mutiny in September 1991, and in January 1993, when Mobutu paid his troops with new currency notes which merchants refused to accept, soldiers went on a *murderous rampage in the* capital. Foreigners left the country in haste.

The end for Mobutu's destructive regime came finally as a consequence of ethnic conflicts to the east of his *country. Violence erupted* between Hutu and Tutsi inhabitants of the region after the *Hutu Presidents of Rwanda* and Burundi died together in a plane shot down over Rwanda in April 1994, sparking panic among Hutus at a potential Tutsi takeover in the area. Slaughter followed.

*Later in the year, the vio*lence spilt over into eastern Zaire, where thousands of Rwandan Hutu refugees sought shelter from the Tutsi-led Rwandan Patriotic Front. Some of *those* refugees *had* themselves been responsible, earlier in the year, for one of the most savage genocidal massacres ever recorded.

Rather than separating them from the legitimate victims of the conflict, Mobutu allowed them to gain control of the refugee camps and divert into weapons purchases some of the funds raised by a massive *international humanitarian* aid effort.

By 1995 the Hutus were *using the camps as* a base for raids into western Rwanda, and for attacks on the Zairean Tutsi *population. The Tutsis in* turn attacked the camps, and some 800,000 refugees fled *back to Rwanda. Other Hutus* moved further into Zaire. As they moved westwards, *scarcely impeded by Govern*ment troops, the Tutsi pursuers, with Rwandan and *Ugandan support, formed the* core of a coalition of rebel groups long opposed to *Mobutu*.

In October 1996, the Alliance of Democratic Forces for *the Liberation of Congo-Zaire*, now under the direction of Laurent-Désiré Kabila, leader of the People's Revolutionary Party, launched their offensive in earnest. In August of that year Mobutu had undergone surgery in Switzerland for prostate cancer; he was to remain in Europe until December, and he *returned there* for further treatment last February. In his absence, his power quickly crumbled.

Kabila's forces were *more than a match* for Mobutu's ill-equipped and undis*ciplined troops, and by mid-*March of this year, when Mobutu returned to Zaire for the last time, the rebels controlled a quarter of the country, including its third largest city, Kisangani. By early April, *they had taken the second* largest city, the mining centre Lubumbashi in the southeast of the country.

President Mandela of South Africa attempted to bring about a face-saving settlement, but Kabila *soon* withdrew from the talks and on May 15 gave Mobutu five days to *surrender power or be de*posed by force. On May 16 this year Mobutu fled Kinshasa for Gbadolite, his jungle palace. The next day the capital fell to Kabila's troops. On May 23 Mobutu and his family *arrived in Morocco after being* refused asylum in Togo and in France. Kabila has since re*named the country the Demo*cratic Republic of Congo.

During his 32 years of despotic rule, as Zaire's econo*my collapsed and the country's* per capita income fell by 60 per cent, Mobutu amassed *great wealth, and was report*ed to own chateaux in Belgium, mansions in France and Switzerland, and a castle *in* Spain. His palace in his home village in northern Zaire was a Versailles-styled extravagance *with fountains and ornamen*tal gardens. He also had a luxury yacht, a fleet of aircraft and *more than 50 limousines.* His personal fortune was esti*mated* at one time to be in the region of $8 billion and equivalent to Zaire's national debt.

He is survived by his second wife and more than a dozen children.

P. H. NEWBY

***P. H. Newby, CBE,* novelist and BBC executive, died on September 6 aged *79. He* was born on June 25, 1918.**

AN ENIGMATIC, self-effacing *personality*, who was nevertheless the first winner of the Booker Prize for Fiction, How*ard Newby had a second life* as one of the more civilised BBC apparatchiks of his day. *Although he never became* Director-General, he did rise to be managing director of *BBC Radio, and was one of the* formative influences on the reorganisation of the BBC's wireless output both in the 1950s and in the 1970s.

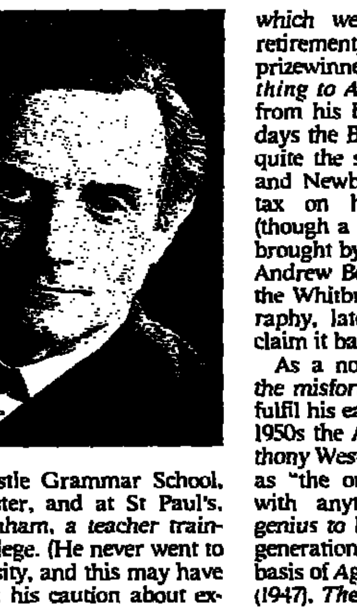
The last Controller of the Third *Programme* and the first of the new Radio 3, he caused some disappointment to his admirers when he publicly endorsed and supported the proposals contained in the 1969 document *Broadcasting in the Seventies*. But he was quite unrepentant — believing that by siding with the mod*ernisers he had* at least managed to contain their more dangerous excesses. In any *event, he got his reward* when — after a total of 15 years of running the most serious of *the BBC's radio stations* — he was appointed, first, director of programmes and then man*aging director of* BBC Radio.

Yet he was not cast by nature for a high executive *role in the corporation. With* his diffident disposition, he tended to shrink into the wall *if he had the misfortune to en*counter other people in the corridors of Broadcasting House — and his introverted *style was in marked contrast* to that of his immediate successor, Aubrey Singer, who deliberately behaved rather like a Roman emperor as he *moved around his domain.* This was not the product of any delusion of grandeur on Singer's part: after the quiet, unassertive reign of his predecessor, he realised that the first thing he had to do was to *restore confidence* to those who had come to accept that they were the poor relations of *television.*

Newby was probably the last senior BBC executive to *have absolutely no television* experience (even his successor as Controller of Radio 3, *Stephen Hearst, was a former* head of BBC TV arts features). But then he belonged to another world — a world *in which* it was possible for writers and poets to flourish under the protective *shelter* of the BBC. Newby himself had been brought to the notice of the corporation's recruiters by Geoffrey Grigson, who had read one of his early novels and recommended him to the then illustrious Talks Department, where he became the short story expert.

But when Newby joined the corporation in 1949 — very much as the up-and-coming *comic novelist* — he can hardly have foreseen that it would be nearly 30 years before he left, with his writer's talent largely, alas, extinguished. Only one of his novels, *Feelings Have Changed* (1981), referred to his BBC experience, and that was written at the *start of his retirement.*

Percy Howard Newby came from no grand background. Born in Crowborough, Sussex, he grew up in the Midlands, being educated at Han-



ley Castle Grammar School, Worcester, and at St Paul's, Cheltenham, a *teacher* training college. (He never went to university, and this may have explain his caution about expressing his views.) In 1939, before he had embarked on his intended career in teaching, he was called up. Although hardly cut out to be a soldier, he served in the Royal Army Medical Corps first with the British Expeditionary Force in France and then in Egypt. In 1942 he was seconded to become a lecturer in English in Cairo — a post he held until 1946.

He then returned to England as a freelance writer, and had a tough struggle to make a living, as was demonstrated by his decision to send his CV to the BBC in 1948. This initiative failed, and he did not join the corporation until Geoffrey Grigson rallied to his cause a year later.

As a BBC employee Newby continued *to be a prolific* writer, producing about 25 novels (only half a dozen of *which were written in his* retirement), and the Booker prizewinner for 1969, *Something to Answer For, was* far from his best. In those early days the Booker did not have quite the status it has today, and Newby even had to pay tax on his £5,000 award (though a successful test case brought by his BBC colleague Andrew Boyle, who had won the Whitbread Prize for biography, later enabled him to claim it back).

As a novelist, Newby had *the misfortune never quite to* fulfil his early promise. In the 1950s the American critic Anthony West *had spoken of him* as "the only English writer with anything approaching *genius to be produced by his* generation so far", and on the basis of *Agents and Witnesses* (1947), *The Retreat* (1953) and *The Picnic at Sakhara* (1955), that did not seem an absurd judgment. But Newby lacked the staying power of, say, Kingsley Amis, whose *Lucky Jim* appeared in 1954.

Newby lost his original and distinctive tone of voice — amused dismay — and substituted a rather self-conscious Jungian symbolism, which tended to leave both readers and critics floundering. But Newby was never discouraged, and though he did not increase his strike rate in retirement (as he had hoped), he continued to publish novels every two or three years, the most recent, *Something About Women*, appearing in 1995. He was appointed CBE in 1972.

Newby married Joan Thompson in 1945. She survives him, together with their two daughters.

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(1) a meeting of members to be held at 5:30 pm (WST) on Wednesday, 10 September 1997 to consider the members' scheme of arrangement:
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Successful entrants to Interactive Team Football have won their August monthly prizes. Just one month's efforts can win you £1,000

TODAY we announce the first monthly winners of the Times Interactive Team Football (ITF) leagues. In addition to the main ITF League, there are three mini-leagues running concurrently: a Women's League, the Mitre Students League and the Dairy Crest Youth League for under-18s. Players too have entered teams; Neil Redfearn, the Barnsley captain, has celebrated his club's elevation to the FA Carling Premiership by heading the players' section.

Alison Hembrow, a history teacher at Christ College in Powys, the August winner of the Women's League, recognised the value of an active transfer policy. "I've kept the defence steady, but I've made a lot of transfers in the first month and brought players in *for individual matches," she* said. "I went for good value, relatively cheap midfielders, and chopped around a bit." It paid off for her team, The Breconians, despite the postponement of the Liverpool v Newcastle match, in anticipation of which she had made a number of transfers.

Nick Wheatley, whose cryptically-named outfit HDG Is A Sad Waster takes the August award in the Mitre Students' League, also made changes to good effect. "The way Manchester United defended at Tottenham changed my mind about Schmeichel and Pallister," he said.

A Chelsea supporter, he begins a geography course at University College London in two weeks, and is one of a number of entrants who included Marco Negri of Glasgow Rangers in their line-ups. "Rangers will score a lot of goals, and Negri will probably score most of them," he said.

The three mini-league winners each receive signed Mitre footballs, a Mitre sports bag and a pair of tickets to a Premiership match.

Words: Nick Szczepanik

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POINTS AWARDED

Goalkeeper		**Striker**	
Keeps clean sheet (per half)**	+3 points	Scores goal	+2 points
Scores goal	+20 points	**All players**	
Saves penalty	+1 point	On winning side	+1 point
Full backs/Central defender		Appearance†	+1 point
Keeps clean sheet*	+3 points	Scores hat-trick	+10 bonus points
Scores goal	+4 points	**Manager**	
Midfield player		Wins	+3 points
Keeps clean sheet*	+1 point	Draws	+1 point
Scores goal	+3 points		

POINTS DEDUCTED

Goalkeeper		Booked	-1 point
Concedes goal	-2 points	Concedes penalty	-1 point
Full backs/Central defender		Misses penalty	-1 point
Concedes goal	-1 point	Scores own goal	-1 point
All players		**Manager**	
Sent off	-3 points	Team loses	-1 point

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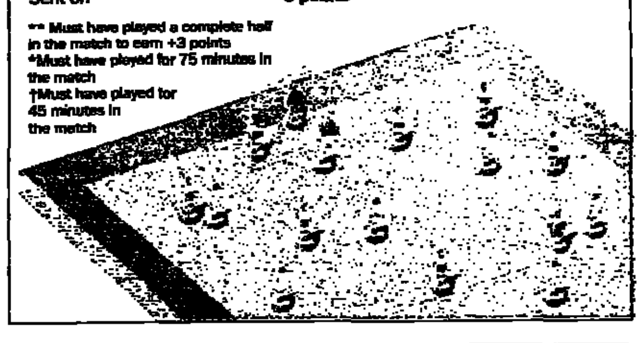

THE YOUTH LEAGUE WINNER

15-YEAR-OLD Desmond Hakim could teach some so-called experts a thing or two, judging by the success of the ITF selection which wins him the first monthly prize in the Dairy Crest Youth League.

While others have relied on the transfer market, Desmond, who lives in Ryde, on *the Isle of Wight and supports* Manchester United, selected the two top points scorers, Peter Schmeichel and Chris Sutton, before the start of the season. "I thought Roy Hodgson would turn Blackburn around and I predicted Manchester United wouldn't concede any goals, and I was right," he said. One regret is that Paul Ince, his favourite footballer, *now plays for Liverpool — but* it did not stop him selecting Ince for his team, "Fez".

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- Do not spend more than 35 million.
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- Once you have chosen your team, call the entry line, above, and follow these step-by-step instructions.
  - a) You must tap in *(not speak)* the full set of selections *(using the five-digit player codes)* for each of your 11 chosen players and your manager.
  - b) You will be asked whether you wish to enter one of the mini leagues *(womens, students, youth)* if appropriate. If so, do so as directed on the telephone.
  - c) You must speak the name of your team *(no more than 16 characters)*, your name, address with postcode and your daytime telephone number.
  - d) Finally, you will be given a ten-digit personal *indentification* number *(PIN)* at the end of the call. You must keep a note of this number as you will need your PIN for making transfers and checking your team score.

A new team will score points on future games. 0891 calls cost 50p per minute. Your call will cost about double if made from a pay phone. In the event of there being more than one manager of the month, the winner will be chosen at random. In the event of there being more than one league winner, a tiebreak will operate.

Fantasy team from Fife wins its manager £1,000

THE OVERALL winner of the ITF August monthly prize is Gordon Davidson, from Earlsferry in Fife, who receives £1,000, a Mitre football signed by Stuart Pearce, a Mitre sports bag and a pair of tickets to a premier league game of his choice.

He entered his team, built around solid defensive performers like Gary Pallister, through the Internet.

He is pictured (right) receiving his prizes from John Beresford, the Newcastle United full back, at St James' Park last week.

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39	Colin Hendry	Blackburn Rovers	50
40	Stephen Lomas	West Ham United	49
40	Gianfranco Zola	Chelsea	49
42	Jonathan Hunt	Derby County	48
42	Frank Leboeuf	Chelsea	48
42	Darren Pitcher	Crystal Palace	48
45	Lee Sharpe	Leeds United	47
46	Lars Bohinen	Blackburn Rovers	43
46	Dave Watson	Everton	43
46	David Tuttle	Crystal Palace	43
46	Gareth Southgate	Aston Villa	43
50	Steve Clarke	Chelsea	42
50	Andy Roberts	Crystal Palace	42
52	Paul Williams	Coventry City	41
53	Kasey Keller	Leicester City	40
54	Danny Williamson	Everton	39
55	Ugo Ehiogu	Aston Villa	38
56	Nigel Martin	Leeds United	37
57	Roger Cross	Tottenham Hotspur	36
58	Andy Sinton	Tottenham Hotspur	35
59	Nicky Eaden	Barnsley	34
59	Stewart Castledine	Wimbledon	34
61	*Iain Dowie*	West Ham United	33
62	Andrew Liddell	Barnsley	32
63	Mike Whitlow	Leicester City	31
64	Mark Wright	Liverpool	29
65	Chris Powell	Derby County	27
66	Ian Pearce	Blackburn Rovers	20
67	Marc Edworthy	Crystal Palace	19
67	Alan Wright	Aston Villa	19
69	Colin Calderwood	Tottenham Hotspur	18

Redfearn makes strong start in players' league

NEIL REDFEARN, the Barnsley captain, who scored his club's first-ever goals in the Premiership, has finished August at the top of the PFA league (left).

Although, like his team, he had never played at the top level of English football before the beginning of this season, his own points total (14) has made him the third most valuable contributor to the success of his own team, behind Roy Keane, the Manchester United midfield player, and Chris Sutton, the Blackburn Rovers striker whose career has been relaunched by the arrival of Roy Hodgson at Ewood Park.

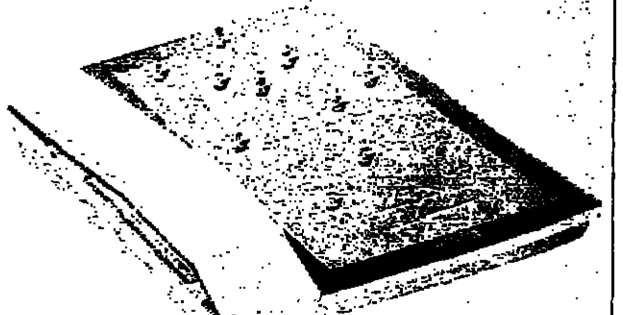
Sutton's outstanding start to the season has made him the highest-scoring outfield player in ITF, with twenty-nine points, which represents good value for the relatively modest outlay of £3 million. The bargain of Redfearn's team, however, looks to be John Beresford, the Newcastle United full back who has found himself playing in midfield with the arrival of Stuart Pearce at St James' Park, and scoring goals. Redfearn's major disappointment must be Gareth Southgate, whose minus score reflects Aston Villa's dismal start to the campaign.

The transfer of Andy Townsend from Aston Villa to Middlesbrough and, hence, out of contention for a place in ITF teams, means that Redfearn has a gap to be filled. As a midfield player himself, he may have been casting an expert eye over some likely candidates during recent games, although his budget is limited: the top-scoring midfielders like Nicky Butt are out of his financial reach. However, for the £2 million he receives for Townsend, he could afford to buy Gustavo Poyet, the Uruguayan who scored in Chelsea's recent 6-0 victory over Barnsley.

REDFEARN'S TEAM

Ian Walker (Spurs) 11
Lee Dixon (Arsenal) 2
John Beresford (Newc) 10
Gareth Southgate (Villa) ..... -1
Colin Hendry (B'burn) .... [illegible]
Neil Redfearn (Barnsley) ... 1[illegible]
Andy Townsend (Villa) 3
Dennis Wise (Chelsea) 10
Roy Keane (Man Utd) 16
Faustino Asprilla (Newc) 6
Chris Sutton (B'burn) 29
Danny Wilson (Barnsley) 3

FIND OUT HOW YOUR TEAM IS DOING



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Your list of players and a guide to the top scorers

Dream on . . . here are the players you would choose if you had unlimited resources and no restrictions

If an ITF team based on the August ratings could be formed regardless of price and club affiliation, it would be dominated, as one might expect, by players from Manchester United. In front of goalkeeper Peter Schmeichel, the top points-scorer in ITF, three of the top four defenders are his Old Trafford team-mates: Dennis Irwin, Gary Pallister and Henning Berg, the recent signing from Blackburn Rovers.

Chelsea's Dan Petrescu is the exception to the red rule, but is he truly a full-back? As teams switch formation back and forth from the trendy 3-5-2 to the tried and trusted 4-4-2, wing-backs like Petrescu and Gary Kelly of Leeds United find themselves playing in midfield.

In midfield, it is a similar story: Nicky Butt, Roy Keane and David Beckham outscored all their rivals in August. However, Benito Carbone, classed as a midfield player although he has been playing further forward for Sheffield Wednesday, would have come out ahead of all three had he not lost three points for his dismissal in the Blackburn-Sheffield Wednesday match, in which he scored both of his side's goals in a 7-2 defeat.

Only in the striking department have Manchester United lost out. Teddy Sheringham, with ten ITF points so far, is some way behind the leading forward, Chris Sutton (29), whose return to form has coincided with the resurgence of Blackburn Rovers, and Dennis Bergkamp of Arsenal (24), scorer of a hat-trick (worth a bonus of ten points) against Leicester City at Filbert Street.

Marco Negri, who has started the season in prolific form for Glasgow Rangers, and Dion Dublin of Coventry City, another hat-trick man on the season's opening day against Chelsea, have each scored 22 points and are hovering just outside the first team.

Two managers have equal claim to being in charge of the squad: Alex Ferguson of Manchester United, and Roy Hodgson of Blackburn Rovers. Hodgson is more than entitled to the nod; after all, in the real world, his team sits on top of the FA Carling Premiership, having scored 15 goals to Manchester United's eight.

A little blue-and-white balance to an otherwise somewhat red-heavy team might not go amiss.

TOP TEAM

Peter Schmeichel	Man Utd
Dan Petrescu	Chelsea
Dennis Irwin	Man Utd
Henning Berg	Man Utd
Gary Pallister	Man Utd
Nicky Butt	Man Utd
Roy Keane	Man Utd
David Beckham	Man Utd
Benito Carbone	Sheffield Wed
Chris Sutton	Blackburn
Dennis Bergkamp	Arsenal
Roy Hodgson	Blackburn

Carbone, above left, and Butt are both high points-scorers in ITF so far this season

THIS WEEK'S TRANSFERS

MOVED

51102	Ashley Ward	Barnsley	£2.0m

Transferred from Derby County

HOW TO MAKE A TRANSFER

■ YOU MAY transfer as and when you wish according to your team transfer allowance. If a player or manager moves teams during the season, it may affect the composition of your team. You may adjust your team by using the transfer system to avoid missing out on points.

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GOALKEEPERS

Code	Name	Team	Cost (£m)	Week	Total
10101	J Leighton	Aberdeen	2.00	0	—3
10201	D Seaman	Arsenal	5.00	0	18
10301	M Bosnich	Aston Villa	3.00	0	5
10401	D Watson	Barnsley	1.00	0	—4
10501	T Flowers	Blackburn Rovers	3.50	0	4
10601	K Branagan	Bolton Wanderers	1.50	7	12
10701	S Kerr	Celtic	4.00	0	0
10801	E de Goey	Chelsea	3.00	0	9
10901	S Ogrizovic	Coventry City	1.50	0	—8
11001	C Nash	Crystal Palace	1.00	0	0
11002	K Miller	Crystal Palace	2.00	0	15
11101	M Poom	Derby County	1.50	0	13
11201	S Dykstra	Dundee Utd	3.00	0	—5
11301	I Westwater	Dunfermline	1.00	0	6
11401	N Southall	Everton	2.00	7	4
11501	G Rousset	Hearts	1.50	0	11
11601	C Reid	Hibernian	1.00	0	0
11701	D Lekovic	Kilmarnock	1.00	0	—7
11801	N Martyn	Leeds Utd	3.50	0	1
11901	K Keller	Leicester City	2.00	0	15
12001	D James	Liverpool	3.50	0	9
12101	P Schmeichel	Manchester Utd	5.00	0	39
12201	S Howie	Motherwell	1.00	0	0
12301	S Given	Newcastle Utd	4.00	0	11
12401	A Goram	Rangers	5.00	0	3
12501	K Pressman	Sheffield Wed	2.50	0	-11
12701	M Taylor	Southampton	1.50	0	0
12601	A Main	St Johnstone	0.50	0	2
12801	I Walker	Tottenham	3.00	0	11
12901	L Miklosko	West Ham Utd	2.00	0	11
13001	N Sullivan	Wimbledon	2.50	0	2

FULL BACKS

Code	Name	Team	Cost (£m)	Week	Total
20201	L Dixon	Arsenal	3.00	0	2
20202	N Winterburn	Arsenal	3.00	0	8
20203	E Petit	Arsenal	2.50	0	0
20301	S Staunton	Aston Villa	3.00	0	3
20302	A Wright	Aston Villa	3.00	0	2
20303	S Grayson	Aston Villa	2.50	0	2
20304	F Nelson	Aston Villa	2.00	0	—1
20401	N Eaden	Barnsley	0.50	0	0
20402	N Thompson	Barnsley	0.50	0	0
20502	J Kenna	Blackburn Rovers	2.00	0	11
20503	P Valery	Blackburn Rovers	2.00	0	10
20601	N Cox	Bolton	2.00	0	3
20602	R Elliott	Bolton	2.00	1	4
20701	T Boyd	Celtic	3.50	0	4
20702	T McKinlay	Celtic	3.50	0	0
20703	J McNamara	Celtic	3.00	0	—1
20501	G Le Saux	Chelsea	4.00	0	7
20801	D Petrescu	Chelsea	4.00	0	16
20802	C Babayaro	Chelsea	2.50	0	0
20901	D Burrows	Coventry City	1.00	0	—7
20902	B Borrows	Coventry City	1.00	0	0
20903	M Hall	Coventry City	1.00	0	—2
21001	D Gordon	Crystal Palace	1.50	0	5
21002	M Edworthy	Crystal Palace	1.50	0	4
21003	K Muscat	Crystal Palace	1.00	0	5
21101	C Powell	Derby County	1.50	0	5
21102	D Yates	Derby County	1.00	0	0
21401	A Hinchcliffe	Everton	2.50	0	0
21402	E Barrett	Everton	1.50	0	0
21403	T Phelan	Everton	1.50	4	3
21501	G Locke	Hearts	1.50	0	0
21701	D Kerr	Kilmarnock	1.00	0	0
21801	G Kelly	Leeds Utd	2.50	0	—2
21802	D Robertson	Leeds Utd	2.50	0	—1
21901	M Whitlow	Leicester City	1.50	0	0
21902	S Guppy	Leicester City	1.50	0	8
22001	S I Bjornebye	Liverpool	4.00	0	4
22002	J McAteer	Liverpool	4.00	0	0
22101	D Irwin	Manchester Utd	4.00	0	19
22102	G Neville	Manchester Utd	3.50	0	14
22103	P Neville	Manchester Utd	3.50	0	11
22301	S Watson	Newcastle Utd	3.00	0	6
22302	W Barton	Newcastle Utd	2.00	0	1
22303	J Beresford	Newcastle Utd	1.50	0	10
22304	S Pearce	Newcastle Utd	3.00	0	6
22401	A Cleland	Rangers	3.00	0	0
22402	S Stensaas	Rangers	3.00	0	1
22501	P Blondeau	Sheffield Wed	2.50	0	-10
22502	I Nolan	Sheffield Wed	2.00	0	—7
22701	J Dodd	Southampton	1.00	0	0
22702	F Benali	Southampton	0.75	0	0
22703	S Charlton	Southampton	0.75	0	0
22801	C Wilson	Tottenham	2.00	0	0
22802	J Edinburgh	Tottenham	1.00	0	—3
22901	J Dicks	West Ham Utd	3.00	0	0
22902	A Impey	West Ham Utd	1.50	0	0
23001	B Thatcher	Wimbledon	2.00	0	0
23002	K Cunningham	Wimbledon	2.00	0	—3
23003	A Kimble	Wimbledon	2.00	0	—3

CENTRAL DEFENDERS

Code	Name	Team	Cost (£m)	Week	Total
30101	B O'Neil	Aberdeen	2.00	0	—6
30201	A Adams	Arsenal	3.50	0	0
30202	M Keown	Arsenal	3.50	0	0
30203	G Grimandi	Arsenal	2.00	0	7
30301	G Southgate	Aston Villa	3.50	0	—1
30302	U Ehiogu	Aston Villa	3.50	0	0
30401	A de Zeeuw	Barnsley	1.00	0	0
30402	A Moses	Barnsley	0.50	0	0
30403	M Appleby	Barnsley	0.50	0	5
30502	C Hendry	Blackburn Rovers	3.00	0	8
30504	S Henchoz	Blackburn Rovers	2.00	0	1
30601	G Taggart	Bolton Wanderers	1.50	4	5
30602	G Bergsson	Bolton Wanderers	1.00	4	7
30603	C Fairclough	Bolton Wanderers	1.00	0	0
30701	E Annoni	Celtic	3.00	0	0
30702	M MacKay	Celtic	3.00	0	2
30703	A Stubbs	Celtic	3.00	0	0
30801	F Leboeuf	Chelsea	3.00	0	1
30802	M Duberry	Chelsea	3.00	0	5
30803	S Clarke	Chelsea	2.50	0	8
30804	B Lambourde	Chelsea	2.50	0	0
30901	L Daish	Coventry City	1.50	0	0
30902	R Shaw	Coventry City	1.50	0	—5
30903	P Williams	Coventry City	1.50	0	—8
31001	A Roberts	Crystal Palace	1.50	0	3
31002	A Linighan	Crystal Palace	0.75	0	3
31003	D Tuttle	Crystal Palace	0.75	0	1
31101	I Stimac	Derby County	2.50	0	0
31102	J Laursen	Derby County	1.50	0	3
31201	S Pressley	Dundee Utd	3.00	0	0
31301	G Shields	Dunfermline	1.50	0	1
31401	S Bilic	Everton	3.00	4	1
31402	D Watson	Everton	2.00	1	—1
31501	D Weir	Hearts	2.00	0	5
31601	J Hughes	Hibernian	1.50	0	4
31801	D Wetherall	Leeds Utd	2.00	0	0
31802	G Halle	Leeds Utd	2.00	0	—1
31803	R Molenaar	Leeds Utd	2.00	0	—2
31804	L Radebe	Leeds Utd	1.50	0	—1
31901	M Elliott	Leicester City	3.00	0	14
31902	P Kaamark	Leicester City	2.00	0	7
31903	S Walsh	Leicester City	1.50	0	11
32001	M Wright	Liverpool	3.00	0	4
32002	D Matteo	Liverpool	3.00	0	—1
32003	B T Kvarme	Liverpool	3.00	0	4
30501	H Berg	Manchester Utd	3.00	0	16
32101	D May	Manchester Utd	3.50	0	0
32102	G Pallister	Manchester Utd	3.50	0	24
32301	P Albert	Newcastle Utd	3.00	0	5
32302	D Peacock	Newcastle Utd	3.00	0	0
32303	S Howey	Newcastle Utd	2.00	0	0
32304	A Pistone	Newcastle Utd	3.00	0	6
32401	S Porrini	Rangers	3.50	0	0
32402	J Bjorklund	Rangers	3.50	0	1
32403	L Amoruso	Rangers	3.50	0	0
32501	D Walker	Sheffield Wed	2.50	0	—2
32502	J Newsome	Sheffield Wed	2.50	0	—1
32503	P Atherton	Sheffield Wed	2.50	0	—6
32701	R Dryden	Southampton	1.00	0	0
32702	C Lundekvam	Southampton	1.00	0	0
32601	S McCluskey	St Johnstone	0.50	0	3
32801	S Campbell	Tottenham	3.00	0	1
32802	J Scales	Tottenham	2.50	0	8
32803	R Vega	Tottenham	2.00	0	—4
32804	C Calderwood	Tottenham	2.00	0	9
32901	R Ferdinand	West Ham Utd	2.50	0	2
32902	R Hall	West Ham Utd	2.00	0	0
31403	D Unsworth	West Ham Utd	2.00	0	1
32903	S Potts	West Ham Utd	1.50	0	2
33001	C Perry	Wimbledon	2.50	0	—3
33002	D Blackwell	Wimbledon	2.50	0	—3

MIDFIELD PLAYERS

Code	Name	Team	Cost (£m)	Week	Total
40101	E Jess	Aberdeen	3.00	0	3
40102	P Bernard	Aberdeen	2.00	0	1
40201	M Overmars	Arsenal	5.50	0	12
40202	P Vieira	Arsenal	3.50	0	8
40203	S Hughes	Arsenal	2.50	0	1
40204	R Parlour	Arsenal	2.50	0	8
40205	D Platt	Arsenal	1.50	0	2
40301	M Draper	Aston Villa	4.00	0	7
40302	I Taylor	Aston Villa	2.50	0	6
40401	N Redfearn	Barnsley	3.00	0	14
40402	E Tinkler	Barnsley	2.00	0	8
40403	D Sheridan	Barnsley	1.00	0	3
40404	M Bullock	Barnsley	0.50	0	6
40501	J Wilcox	Blackburn Rovers	2.50	0	12
40502	W McKinlay	Blackburn Rovers	2.50	0	7
40503	T Sherwood	Blackburn Rovers	2.50	0	0
40504	G Flitcroft	Blackburn Rovers	2.50	0	9
40601	A Thompson	Bolton Wanderers	3.00	2	6
40602	S Sellars	Bolton Wanderers	2.00	2	6
40603	P Frandsen	Bolton Wanderers	2.00	2	6
40604	M Johansen	Bolton Wanderers	2.00	0	0
40605	J Pollock	Bolton Wanderers	2.00	2	6
40701	A Thom	Celtic	4.50	0	4
40702	P O'Donnell	Celtic	3.00	0	1
42503	R Blinker	Celtic	1.50	0	2
40704	C Burley	Celtic	3.00	0	4
40801	D Wise	Chelsea	4.00	0	10
40802	R Di Matteo	Chelsea	4.00	0	12
40803	E Newton	Chelsea	2.50	0	0
40804	G Poyet	Chelsea	2.00	0	11
40901	G McAllister	Coventry City	2.50	0	3
40902	T E Soltvedt	Coventry City	1.50	0	5
40903	J Salako	Coventry City	1.50	0	6
41002	S Rodger	Crystal Palace	1.00	0	7
41003	D Pitcher	Crystal Palace	0.25	0	0
41004	P Warhurst	Crystal Palace	1.50	0	9
41005	A Lombardo	Crystal Palace	2.50	0	9
41101	A Asanovic	Derby County	2.50	0	0
41102	S Eranio	Derby County	2.50	0	5
41103	D Powell	Derby County	1.50	0	0
41104	C Dailly	Derby County	1.50	0	4
41105	R van der Laan	Derby County	1.00	0	5
41106	J Hunt	Derby County	1.00	0	5
41201	R Winters	Dundee Utd	3.50	0	9
41301	A Smith	Dunfermline	2.00	0	7
41302	D Fleming	Dunfermline	1.50	0	1
41401	G Speed	Everton	3.50	2	9
41402	J Parkinson	Everton	1.50	0	0
41403	G Farrelly	Everton	1.50	0	3
41404	D Williamson	Everton	2.00	2	3
41501	N McCann	Hearts	2.50	0	9
41601	C Jackson	Hibernian	2.00	0	1
41602	B Lavety	Hibernian	2.00	0	7
41701	J McIntyre	Kilmarnock	2.00	0	0
41001	D Hopkin	Leeds Utd	3.50	0	5
41801	L Bowyer	Leeds Utd	3.00	0	3
41802	A I Haaland	Leeds Utd	2.50	0	3
41803	L Sharpe	Leeds Utd	2.50	0	0
41901	G Parker	Leicester City	2.00	0	0
41902	N Lennon	Leicester City	2.00	0	7
41903	M Izzet	Leicester City	2.00	0	9
41904	S Taylor	Leicester City	1.50	0	0
42001	S McManaman	Liverpool	7.00	0	9
42002	O Leonhardsen	Liverpool	4.00	0	0
42003	M Thomas	Liverpool	3.00	0	5
42004	J Redknapp	Liverpool	3.00	0	0
42006	P Ince	Liverpool	5.00	0	7
42101	D Beckham	Manchester Utd	8.00	0	16
42102	R Giggs	Manchester Utd	7.00	0	14
42103	R Keane	Manchester Utd	5.00	0	16
42104	N Butt	Manchester Utd	4.00	0	17
42105	A Cole	Manchester Utd	5.00	0	6
42201	B Davies	Motherwell	2.00	0	0
42301	R Lee	Newcastle Utd	5.00	0	5
42302	K Gillespie	Newcastle Utd	3.50	0	3
42303	D Batty	Newcastle Utd	2.50	0	0
42005	J Barnes	Newcastle Utd	2.50	0	0
42401	B Laudrup	Rangers	8.00	0	0
42402	P Gascoigne	Rangers	6.00	0	2
42403	J Thern	Rangers	4.00	0	2
42404	J Albertz	Rangers	4.00	0	0
42501	B Carbone	Sheffield Wed	3.00	0	15
42502	M Pembridge	Sheffield Wed	2.50	0	2
42504	G Hyde	Sheffield Wed	1.00	0	4
42701	J Magilton	Southampton	1.50	0	6
42702	R Slater	Southampton	0.75	0	2
42703	N Maddison	Southampton	0.75	0	10
42601	A Sekerlioglu	St Johnstone	0.75	0	4
42801	A Sinton	Tottenham	3.00	0	5
42802	D Anderton	Tottenham	3.00	0	0
42803	R Fox	Tottenham	2.00	0	6
42804	D Howells	Tottenham	2.00	0	8
42805	D Ginola	Tottenham	2.50	0	3
42901	E Berkovic	West Ham Utd	2.50	0	13
42902	S Lomas	West Ham Utd	2.50	0	7
42903	J Moncur	West Ham Utd	2.00	0	5
42904	M Hughes	West Ham Utd	1.50	0	3
43001	R Earle	Wimbledon	4.50	0	4
43002	N Ardley	Wimbledon	2.00	0	3
43003	V Jones	Wimbledon	2.00	0	0
43004	C Hughes	Wimbledon	1.50	0	0

STRIKERS

Code	Name	Team	Cost (£m)	Week	Total
50101	W Dodds	Aberdeen	5.00	0	4
50201	I Wright	Arsenal	7.50	0	11
50202	D Bergkamp	Arsenal	7.50	0	24
50301	D Yorke	Aston Villa	7.50	0	10
50302	S Collymore	Aston Villa	7.00	0	7
50303	S Milosevic	Aston Villa	3.00	0	2
50401	G Hristov	Barnsley	1.50	0	6
50402	J Hendrie	Barnsley	1.50	0	6
50403	C Marcelle	Barnsley	1.00	0	4
50501	K Gallacher	Blackburn Rovers	4.00	0	19
50502	M Dahlin	Blackburn Rovers	4.00	0	6
50503	C Sutton	Blackburn Rovers	3.00	0	29
50601	J McGinlay	Bolton Wanderers	3.00	0	2
50602	N Blake	Bolton Wanderers	2.50	0	10
50603	P Beardsley	Bolton Wanderers	2.00	1	4
50701	J Cadete	Celtic	8.00	0	0
51601	D Jackson	Celtic	4.00	0	5
50703	T Johnson	Celtic	3.50	0	0
50801	G Zola	Chelsea	7.00	0	5
50802	M Hughes	Chelsea	5.00	0	4
50901	D Dublin	Coventry City	5.00	0	22
50902	D Huckerby	Coventry City	3.00	0	9
50903	N Whelan	Coventry City	2.50	0	0
51001	N Shipperley	Crystal Palace	2.50	0	2
51002	D Freedman	Crystal Palace	2.50	0	1
51003	B Dyer	Crystal Palace	2.00	0	9
51101	D Sturridge	Derby County	4.00	0	1
51102	A Ward	Derby County	2.00	0	4
51103	F Baiano	Derby County	2.00	0	2
51201	A McLaren	Dundee Utd	3.00	0	2
51202	K Olofsson	Dundee Utd	2.50	0	1
51301	G Britton	Dunfermline	2.00	0	0
51401	D Ferguson	Everton	5.00	1	6
51402	N Barmby	Everton	3.00	1	3
51403	G Stuart	Everton	2.50	1	5
51501	J Robertson	Hearts	3.50	0	7
51701	P Wright	Kilmarnock	5.00	0	0
51702	A Mitchell	Kilmarnock	2.50	0	1
51801	J F Hasselbaink	Leeds Utd	3.00	0	8
51803	R Wallace	Leeds Utd	1.50	0	10
51901	S Claridge	Leicester City	4.50	0	3
51902	E Heskey	Leicester City	4.50	0	7
51903	I Marshall	Leicester City	2.00	0	7
51904	G Fenton	Leicester City	2.00	0	0
52001	R Fowler	Liverpool	8.50	0	0
52002	P Berger	Liverpool	3.00	0	1
52003	K Riedle	Liverpool	4.50	0	6
52101	O G Solskjaer	Manchester Utd	7.50	0	0
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52103	P Scholes	Manchester Utd	6.00	0	6
52201	O Coyle	Motherwell	3.00	0	3
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52501	A Booth	Sheffield Wed	4.00	0	2
50702	P Di Canio	Sheffield Wed	6.50	0	5
52502	D Hirst	Sheffield Wed	2.50	0	2
52503	R Humphreys	Sheffield Wed	2.00	0	3
52701	M Le Tissier	Southampton	7.00	0	0
52702	E Ostenstad	Southampton	4.00	0	4
52703	M Evans	Southampton	2.00	0	2
52601	G O'Boyle	St Johnstone	1.50	0	6
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52802	C Armstrong	Tottenham	3.50	0	0
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52902	P Kitson	West Ham Utd	3.00	0	8
52903	J Dowie	West Ham Utd	1.50	0	3
53001	M Gayle	Wimbledon	4.00	0	6
53002	E Ekoku	Wimbledon	4.00	0	5
53003	D Holdsworth	Wimbledon	3.00	0	3

MANAGERS

Code	Name	Team	Cost (£m)	Week	Total
60101	R Aitken	Aberdeen	2.50	0	—1
60201	A Wenger	Arsenal	4.50	0	9
60301	B Little	Aston Villa	3.50	0	—1
60401	D Wilson	Barnsley	0.50	0	3
60501	R Hodgson	Blackburn Rovers	3.00	0	13
60601	C Todd	Bolton Wanderers	1.50	1	4
60701	W Jansen	Celtic	4.00	0	2
60801	R Gullit	Chelsea	3.50	0	8
60901	G Strachan	Coventry City	1.00	0	3
61001	S Coppell	Crystal Palace	0.75	0	3
61101	J Smith	Derby County	1.00	0	1
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61301	R Paton	Dunfermline	1.00	0	7
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61501	J Jefferies	Hearts	1.50	0	5
61601	J Duffy	Hibernian	1.00	0	3
61701	R Williamson	Kilmarnock	1.00	0	—1
61801	G Graham	Leeds Utd	2.00	0	1
61901	M O'Neill	Leicester City	1.50	0	7
62001	R Evans	Liverpool	4.00	0	4
62101	A Ferguson	Manchester Utd	5.00	0	13
62201	A McLeish	Motherwell	1.00	0	2
62301	K Dalglish	Newcastle Utd	4.50	0	6
62401	W Smith	Rangers	5.00	0	3
62501	D Pleat	Sheffield Wed	2.50	0	1
62701	D Jones	Southampton	0.75	0	—1
62601	P Sturrock	St Johnstone	0.50	0	3
62801	G Francis	Tottenham	2.50	0	5
62901	H Redknapp	West Ham Utd	1.50	0	9
63001	J Kinnear	Wimbledon	2.00	0	0

THE TIMES TODAY

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NEWS

Palace denies royal dispute

■ Buckingham Palace, Downing Street and Earl Spencer were united last night in angry denials of a report claiming a bitter dispute over the funeral arrangements for Diana, Princess of Wales. Jon Snow had claimed on *Channel 4 News* that the Queen had stipulated that the Princess's body should not go to any of the royal palaces and that she should have a private, not a public funeral. Her stance was said to have infuriated the Prince of Wales, who was reported to have sought the Prime Minister's help to overrule the Palace........ **Pages 1, 4, 5, 18, 19**

Carey to defend unions' rights

■ Dr George Carey, in the first speech by an Archbishop of Canterbury to a TUC conference, will say today that he supports the view of Catholic bishops: that workers have rights, including to join unions and strike......... **Pages 1, 18, 19**

Hindley art protest

The Royal Academy of Arts is facing a rebellion from academicians over a decision to show a portrait of Myra Hindley made by children's hand-prints......**Page 2**

Girl 'knew killer'

Rachel Barraclough, 18, who was stabbed to death in a beauty spot near Wakefield, probably knew her killer, police said ....**Page 3**

Mother is hero

Cherie Booth is the top public role model for sixth-formers at some leading girls' schools. However, twice as many girls voted for their mothers than for any of the public figures nominated.............**Page 6**

Rural exodus fears

The upland farms of England and Wales are facing a bleak future as the next generation deserts them, the National Farmers' Union said..................**Page 7**

Novel inspiration

A Victorian love affair involving a teacher called Jane Eyre could have been the inspiration for the suppressed passion between Charlotte Brontë's fictional character and Mr Rochester in her classic novel ....**Page 7**

Devolution pledge

Tony Blair staked his authority on winning a "double yes" vote in Thursday's devolution referendum when he said Scots had nothing to fear from a parliament with tax-varying powers ..**Page 8**

Mir setback

Russia's troubled space station Mir suffered a fresh setback yesterday when its computer crashed, forcing the crew to shut down all but the life support systems ....**Pages 10, 19**

Calcutta burial

Mother Teresa is to be buried at Mother House, headquarters of her Missionaries of Charity order, one of two Christian centres in Calcutta where prayers are held non-stop. It was her wish to be interred where there was constant prayer........ **Pages 12, 14, 19**

Rambo goes soft

Forget *Rambo* and *Rocky*: Sylvester Stallone has announced a new, softer and more cerebral persona for his next run of films. He said his next project was a film set in the world of Formula One racing....................... **Page 12**

Mobutu legacy

President Kabila of the Democratic Republic of the Congo is inching towards reforming a state that was allowed to implode by Mobutu, who reduced Zaire to poverty and chaos during 32 years in power .... **Pages 13, 19**

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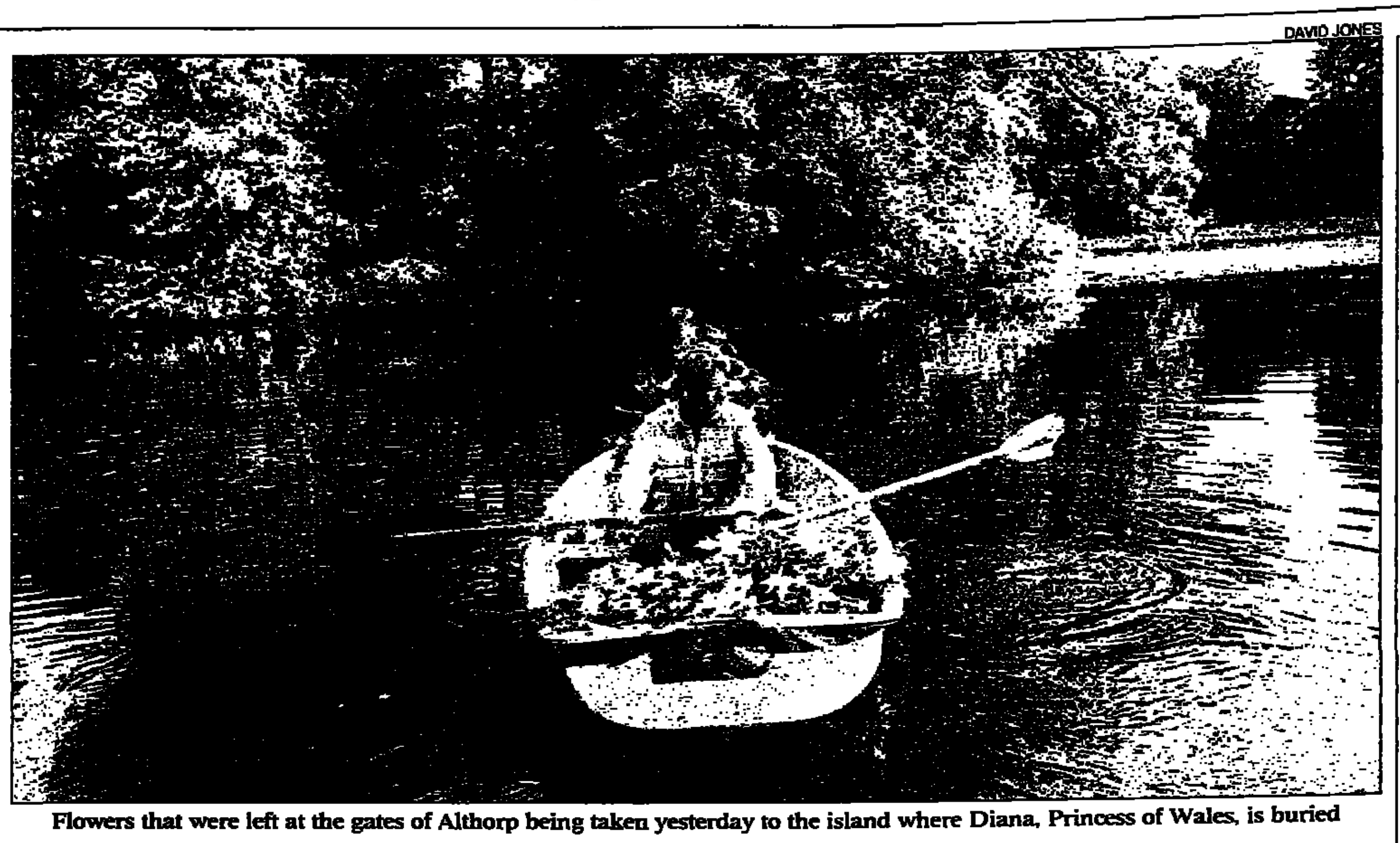
Karadzic rally foiled

British troops and Bosnian Serb police loyal to President Plavsic foiled plans for an explosive rally in her stronghold by supporters of her enemy, Radovan Karadzic .... **Page 13**

Whales gather at the men-only diner

■ Beluga whales travel thousands of miles to meet at a "men-only restaurant" beneath the Arctic pack-ice, scientists have found. They feast on stocks of cod and halibut after navigating by the stars or the Earth's magnetic field. The discovery has overturned accepted knowledge of whales. It was believed that the beluga never strayed from the high Arctic .... **Page 7**


DAVID JONES

Flowers that were left at the gates of Althorp being taken yesterday to the island where Diana, Princess of Wales, is buried

BUSINESS

Spending slows: High street sales came off the boil in August as interest rate rises began to bite and windfall spending slowed .**Page 25**

LSE blunder: The London Stock Exchange has been blamed for volatile trading in British Energy shares, which leapt 44 per cent amid confusion over whether they were fully or partly paid ...**Page 25**

Guinness: The official report into the 1986 Guinness share support scandal is fundamentally flawed, sources close to the inquiry claimed yesterday ....**Page 25**

Markets: The FTSE 100 eased 9 points to 4985.2. The pound dropped from $1.5858 to $1.5823 and from DM 2.8655 to DM 2.8646. The pound index closed at 100.1, down from 100.2 ....**Page 28**

SPORT

Tennis: Greg Rusedski has risen to eleventh in the world rankings after reaching the US Open men's singles final, the highest placing for a British player................. **Page 48**

Football: David Seaman will captain England in the World Cup qualifier against Moldova at Wembley, only the fourth goalkeeper to be given the honour .... **Page 48**

Cricket: It seems certain that the plan for a county championship, run in three equal conferences with end-of-season playoffs, will be rejected next week .... **Page 48**

Rugby union: Bath will seek urgent clarification of the law regarding protective padding for players after the first round of Heineken Cup matches .... **Page 46**

ARTS

Off the wall: David Siqueiros, famous for his revolutionary murals in Mexico and bungled assassination attempt on Trotsky, is the subject of a London exhibition........... **Page 16**

Henze premiere: "One of Hans Werner Henze's most accessible works," writes Barry Millington of Henze's new opera *Venus and Adonis*, which received its British premiere at the Proms .... **Page 16**

Violence rewarded: The stylised violence of *Hana-Bi*, by Takeshi Kitano, which has been described as "the Japanese Tarantino", carried off the Golden Lion at the Venice Film Festival .... **Page 17**

Chaucer goes Norse: *The Canterbury Tales* are given an unexpected Viking setting in a new London production .... **Page 17**

FEATURES

Modern miracle: Malcolm Muggeridge was reluctant to interview a little-known nun in India: then he found himself witness to what seemed to be a Mother Teresa miracle. The first extract from Anne Sebba's biography of the holy woman of Calcutta ....**Page 14**

Important dates: Single New Yorkers have usually one chance to make a romantic impression, so many consult a specialist to help them to make it a good one**Page 15**

THE PAPERS

The Chinese leadership looks in surprisingly good shape on the eve of the 15th congress of the Communist Party. The Hong Kong handover has gone smoothly, the standoff with Taiwan is less tense, and relations with the US are better than they have been for years.

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LAW

Free press: Should there be more press restrictions, and is there a danger of rushing into legislation too quickly? .... **Page 33**

Not their fault: Solicitors breathe a sigh of relief as a Court of Appeal ruling puts an end to hundreds of actions against them..........**Page 35**

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Credit where due: How businesses can get their bills paid on time: *The Times* guide to prompt payment .... **Supplement**

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■ INTERFACE
The Princess's gift of compassion lives on in cyberspace as charities use the Internet to raise funds

■ HOMES
Could you let your house or flat to a diplomat?

TV LISTINGS

Review: Joe Joseph finds Tony Marchant's view of London in *Holding On* (BBC2) ugly but authentic. **Preview:** Carol Smillie introduces *Holiday Memories*, a series on holidays difficult to forget (BBC1, 7.00pm)........... **Pages 46, 47**

OPINION

Space for dreams

It might be wiser to abort the plans for the next orbiting space station and concentrate scientific and financial resources on Nasa's longer-term goal of a manned mission direct to Mars .... **Page 1**

Stuck in the past

One of the first rules of negotiation is not to ask for the earth. This is a lesson some British trade unionists have still to learn................**Page 19**

Death of a kleptocrat

The most practical immediate step the West could take to repair Mobutu's ravages is to freeze and return the billions he pillaged and turned into real estate and bank accounts in the West.........**Page 19**

COLUMNS

LIBBY PURVES

Some of the phrases used about Earl Spencer's funeral eulogy have been extraordinary. Puzzled, I went to the tape and watched the earl's speech again. *Had I missed something? Something to justify* "brutal, bitter, divisive?" No. All I could hear was a brother .... **Page 18**

PETER RIDDELL

The "devolution adventure". It was a telling phrase, especially coming from someone as fastidious as Donald Dewar, the Scottish Secretary............................ **Page 1**

JOHN LLOYD

The TUC conference remains the annual expression of a movement of substance. If, as last week appears to have shown, image and symbology are to play as large a part in national political life as does reality, then the TUC is clearly out of step .... **Page 18**

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Mobutu Sese Seko, former President of Zaire; **P. H. Newby**, novelist and former managing director of BBC Radio .... **Page 21**

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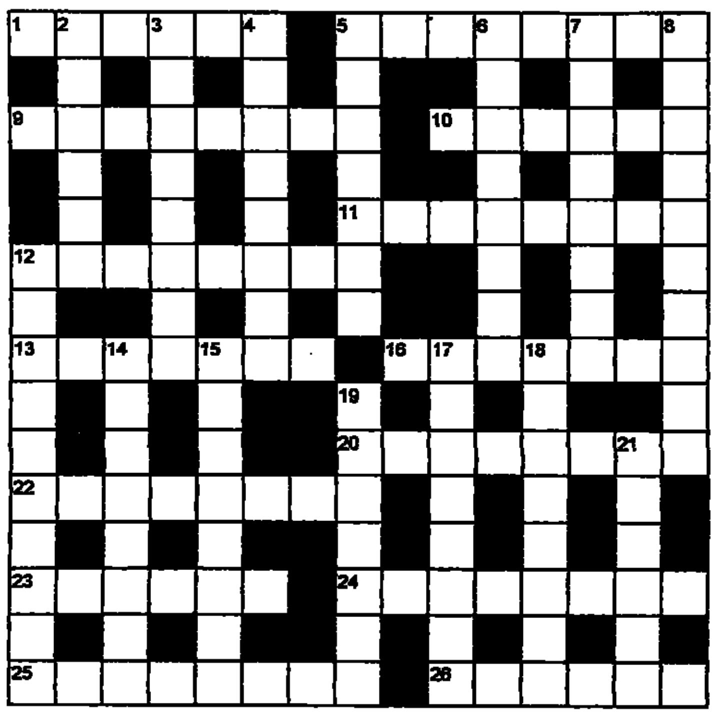

ACROSS

1 Medicine provided is about to give a lift (6).
5 With cards held, club lead gives firm control (4,4).
9 European resort over Channel (8).
10 Attack, in a way, by fliers at start of engagement (6).
11 A wealth I lost in sly behaviour (8).
12 Swimmer quietly coming in to land (8).
13 A couple of doctors like a port on the Indian Ocean (7).
16 A gentle model exhibiting style (7).
20 Money dropped in long grass is returned (8).
22 Rueing it when involved in conspiracy (8).
23 Ill-feeling caused by new drivers holding practice (6).
24 Partygoers restricted by time limits getting cross (8).
25 Commonplace opening dropped in play (8).
26 Carrying the can, got put back outside (6).

DOWN

2 Run through motorway, climbing barrier (6).
3 Not the main sort of crustacean (4-4).
4 Place with a disease hard to eradicate for this odd creature (8).
5 Divine female's ruling over state (7).
6 Old pet Noah destroyed? No way! (3,1,4).
7 A revolutionary plan upsetting the world of learning (8).
8 Well below the surface, like Neptune, perhaps (4-6).
12 It indicates the precise moment daily one churchman turns up (4,6).
14 Become tarnished under cloud of suspicion (8).
15 Mishap I had contracted, beset by stress (8).
17 Emergency equipment gets passenger up into hoist (4-4).
18 Cracked up latest support for travel (4,4).
19 Letters distributed in support of Board (7).
21 Inventor's team up and running (6).

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Yesterday: Highest day temp: Gravesend, Kent, 23C (73F); lowest day max: Lerwick, Shetland 13C (55F); highest rainfall: Cape Wrath, Highland, 0 18in; highest sunshine: Isle of Wight, 12.6hr

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FORECAST

☐ **General:** Northern Scotland will start blustery with a few showers, but it will soon become dry with some sunny spells and lighter winds, although northwest Scotland will turn overcast towards evening. Southern Scotland, Northern Ireland and northern England will have a dry and bright day with some good sunny spells, but chilly early and late. Wales and the rest of England will be mostly sunny once any early fog has cleared, although North Sea coasts may be cloudier.

☐ **London, SE England, E Anglia, Central S England, Midlands, E England:** patches of mist or fog soon clearing, leaving plenty of warm sunshine. A light to moderate northwest wind. Max 19-22C (66-72F)

☐ **Channel Isles, SW England:** mostly sunny with just a few scattered clouds. A light north to northeast wind. Max 20C (68F).

☐ **Wales:** early fog patches soon clearing then mostly sunny. A light northerly breeze. Max 19C (66F)

☐ **NW England, Lake District, Isle of Man, Central N England, NE England, Borders:** some sun but chilly early and late. Moderate northwest breeze. Max 19C (66F).

☐ **Edinburgh & Dundee, Aberdeen, SW Scotland, Glasgow, Cent Highlands, Moray Firth, N Ireland:** dry with patchy cloud and sunny spells. Fresh NW wind will decrease to moderate. Max 18C (64F).

☐ **NE Scotland, Argyll, NW Scotland:** isolated showers soon clearing then dry with periods of sunshine but becoming cloudy in evening. Strong northwest wind will decrease. Max 16C (61F).

☐ **Republic of Ireland:** fine, dry day, cloudy evening. Max 20C (70F).

☐ **Orkney, Shetland:** windy with sunny spells and a few showers, mostly in morning. Strong northwest wind will slowly ease Max 13C (55F)

☐ **Outlook:** after a chilly start with a few fog patches, tomorrow will be mostly dry with sunny periods, although drizzly rain will affect western Scotland. Showery rain will spread south on Thursday, eventually followed by colder weather.

AROUND BRITAIN YESTERDAY

24 hrs to 5 pm. b=bright, c=cloud, d=drizzle; ds=dust storm, du=dull; f=fair, fg=fog; g=gale; h=hail; r=rain; sh=shower; sl=sleet; sn=snow; s=sun; t=thunder

	Sun hrs	Rain in	Max C	Max F			Sun hrs	Rain in	Max C	Max F	
Aberdeen	8 1	-	19	66	s	Leeds	5 2	-	19	66	s
Anglesey	2 6	0 01	18	64	c	Lerwick	3 1	0.17	13	55	sh
Aspatria	1 6	0 01	16	61	d	Leuchars	9 0	-	20	68	s
Aviemore	6.5	0 01	17	63	sh	Littlehmptn	10.9	-	21	70	s
Belfast	X					London	10 7	-	22	72	s
Birmingham	10.2	-	21	70	s	Lowestoft	10 8	0 01	22	72	s
Bognor R	12 2	-	21	70	s	Manchester	1.6	0 01	19	66	b
Bournem'th	9.2	-	20	68	s	Margate	11 1	-	21	70	s
Bristol	9 1	-	19	66	s	Minehead	5 3	-	18	64	s
Buxton	4 1	-	15	59	s	Morecambe	5 5	-	17	63	b
Cardiff	7 2	-	18	64	s	Newcastle	11 1	-	19	66	s
Clacton	11 5	0 01	22	72	s	Newquay	X				
Cleethorpes	12.2	-	21	70	s	Norwich	11 7	-	22	72	s
Colwyn Bay	6 1	0 01	19	66	b	Oxford	9 6	-	21	70	s
Cromer	11 4	-	21	70	s	Penzance	X	-	19	66	s
Dunbar	8 3	-	18	64	b	Poole	5.9	0 01	20	68	b
Eastbourne	10 5	-	19	66	s	Prestatyn	X	0 01	17	63	b
Edinburgh	8 9	0.01	19	66	b	Ross-o-wye	10 3	-	21	70	s
Eskdalemuir	1 3	0 04	15	59	d	Salcombe	8.5	-	20	68	s
Exmouth	7.5	-	19	66	s	Saunton Snd	7 8	-	18	64	s
Falmouth	6 5	-	18	64	s	Scarboro'	11 2	-	21	70	s
Fishguard	5 1	-	16	61	s	Shrewsbury	7 9	-	19	66	b
Folkestone	11.7	-	21	70	s	Skegness	X	-	21	70	s
Glasgow	4 0	0 02	18	64	sh	Southend	11 0	-	23	73	s
Guernsey	6 1	0.01	20	68	s	Southport	X				
Hastings	11 0	-	20	68	s	Southsea	10.2	-	22	72	s
Hayling I.	12 0	-	20	68	s	Stornoway	3.7	0 06	15	59	sh
Herne Bay	10 8	-	22	72	s	Swanage	5.9	-	20	68	s
Hove	X	-	19	66	s	Teignmouth	8 4	-	20	68	s
Hunstanton	10.9	-	21	70	s	Tenby	5 2	-	18	64	s
Isle-of-man	6 8	0 01	19	66	s	Tiree	1.5	0 04	16	61	r
Isle-of-wight	12.6	-	19	66	s	Torquay	8 8	-	21	70	s
Jersey	9.0	-	20	68	s	West-s-mare	5 3	-	19	66	b
Kinloss	X					Weymouth	6 5	-	19	66	s

ABROAD

Ajaccio	28	82	s	Corfu	28	82	s	Majorca	30	86	s	Rome	29	84	s
Akrotiri	30	86	s	C'phagn	17	63	f	Malaga	27	81	s	S Fr'isco	18	64	s
Alex'dria	28	82	s	Dublin	16	61	f	Malta	X			S Paulo	X		
Algiers	29	84	s	Dubrovnik	26	79	s	Melb'rne	15	59	f	Salzburg	16	61	c
Amst'dm	18	64	f	Faro	28	82	s	Mexico C	20	68	f	Santiago	12	54	c
Athens	29	84	s	Florence	30	86	s	Miami	30	86	s	Seoul	31	88	s
B Aires	18	64	f	Frankfurt	19	66	f	Milan	27	81	s	Sing'por	33	91	f
Bahrain	39	102	s	Funchal	23	73	c	Montreal	19	66	f	St'kholm	15	59	sh
Bangkok	32	90	f	Geneva	21	70	s	Moscow	18	64	s	Strasb'rg	21	70	f
Barbados	31	88	s	Gibraltar	24	75	f	Munich	18	64	f	Sydney	17	63	f
Barcelona	27	81	s	Helsinki	17	63	s	N Delhi	33	91	s	Tangier	29	84	s
Beirut	28	82	s	Hong K	24	75	sh	N York	28	82	s	Tel Aviv	29	84	s
Belgrade	27	81	s	Innsbrck	17	63	c	Nairobi	X			Tenerife	28	82	s
Berlin	19	66	c	Istanbul	X			Naples	27	81	s	Tokyo	31	88	f
Bermuda	27	81	f	Jeddah	X			Nice	26	79	s	Toronto	18	64	c
Biarritz	22	72	c	Jo'burg	15	59	f	Oslo	18	64	f	Tunis	26	79	c
Borde'x	23	73	s	L Angels	25	77	s	Paris	19	66	c	Valencia	29	84	s
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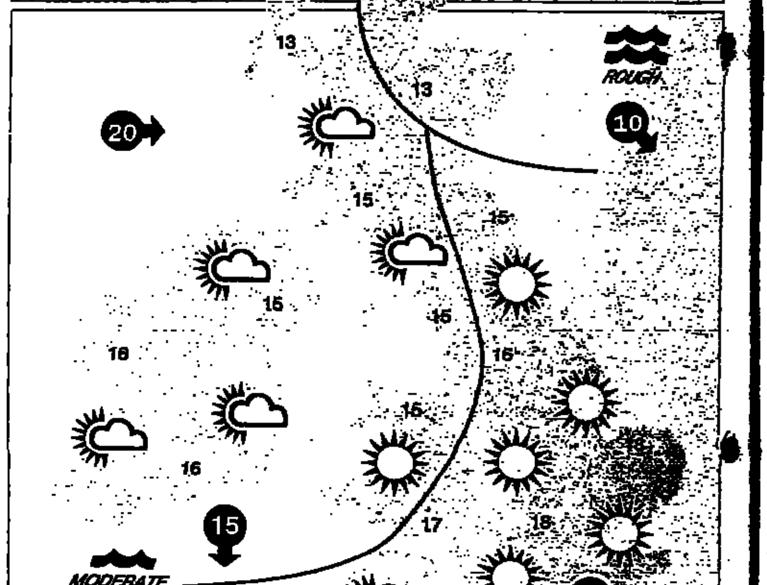

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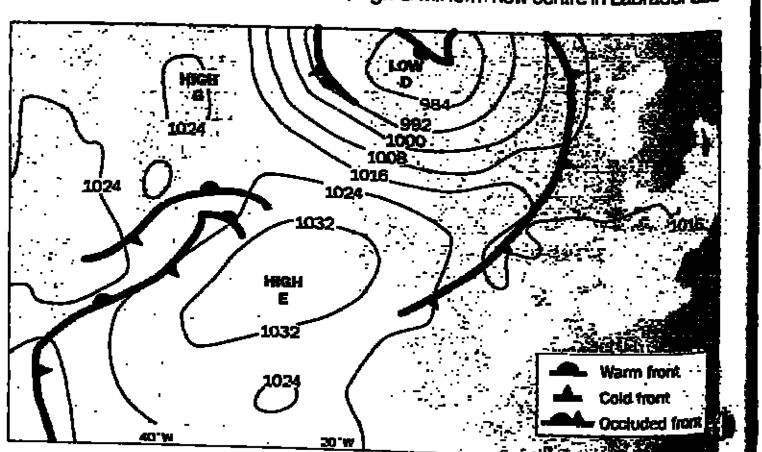

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Belfast	04 02	3.2	16.21	3 1	Margate	04 49	4.3	17.08	4.2
Cardiff	11.40	10 0	23.59	9.9	Milford Haven	11.06	5.7	23.27	5.7
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All times BST Heights in metres

HOURS OF DARKNESS

Sun rises: 6.28 am
Sun sets: 7.29 pm
Moon sets 11.11 pm
Moon rises 1.56 pm

First quarter tomorrow

London 7.29 pm to 6.27 am
Bristol 7 39 pm to 6.37 am
Edinburgh 7.46 pm to 6.35 am
Manchester 7 40 pm to 6 34 am
Penzance 7.49 pm to 6 50 am

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Interest rate rises put brake on spending

BY ALASDAIR MURRAY, ECONOMICS CORRESPONDENT

HIGH STREET sales came off the boil in August as interest rate rises began to bite and windfall spending slowed.

The British Retail Consortium (BRC) monthly sales monitor shows sales growth slumping to a five-month low of 3.9 per cent, compared with 5.2 per cent in July.

But the latest industrial production figures showed the struggling manufacturing sector performing surprisingly strongly, although factory gate prices remain subdued. Manufacturing output rose by 0.4 per cent on the previous month, taking the annual rate of growth to 1.6 per cent — around twice the expected rate.

Economists said that the latest raft of data was unlikely to alter greatly the thinking of the Bank of England's monetary policy committee, which meets tomorrow and on Thursday. The committee has hinted that it will leave interest rates unchanged this month and further evidence of a slowdown in consumer spending would imply that interest rates have peaked.

Andrew Sentance, chief economic adviser to the BRC, said: "The Bank was right to announce a pause in its policy of raising interest rates. Indeed, interest rates have probably risen as high as they need to head off the threat of a sustained pick-up in inflation."

The pound endured a roller-coaster ride on the foreign exchanges as the unexpected strength of the production figures briefly sent sterling higher before traders began to switch into the mark after renewed evidence of a revival in the German economy. The pound slumped to a three-month low of DM2.8479 before recovering to close only marginally down at DM2.8646, while the trade weighted index finished just 0.1 lower at 100.1.

The BRC said that the slowdown in the annual rate of like-for-like sales growth reflected higher mortgage costs, holiday spending overseas and a marked reduction in windfall associated spending.

Sales of electrical goods, which rose sharply in June and July, fell back, while clothing sales were also more patchy. London stores suffered as the strong pound made shopping less attractive to foreign visitors.

But the hot summer weather provided a boost to sales of fans and refrigeration products as well as soft drinks, salads and delicatessen foods.

Economists played down the importance of the manufacturing output data, which in part reflected back revisions to the data as well as the overall strength of the economy in early summer. Second-quarter manufacturing output was revised up by a total of 0.6 percentage points, resulting in output showing a 0.3 per cent rise, compared with a previously estimated 0.3 per cent fall.

Overall industrial production also rose by a stronger than expected 0.6 per cent and at an annual rate of 2.3 per cent thanks to a boost from increased gas extraction.

Adam Cole, UK economist at James Capel, said that the revisions would add around 0.1 per cent to second-quarter GDP figures and indicated that "the strength of domestic demand is still fully off-setting any weakness in exports".But Dharshini David, UK economist at HSBC, added: "The manufacturing recovery is not out of danger yet. With industry still fragile these numbers do little to undermine the MPC's implied decision to leave interest rates unchanged for the time being."

The producer prices data is also unlikely to cause alarm at the Bank, with economists concluding that there are few signs of any pipeline inflationary pressures despite the recent slide in the pound.

Factory gate prices increased 0.1 per cent in August, although the annual rate of change was unchanged at 1.4 per cent. Input prices also nudged up by a monthly rate of 0.6 per cent, although the index is still 7.9 per cent lower than this time last year. Economists blamed the small rise in raw material prices on an increase in the price of crude oil, metals and imported foods.

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Highland gains: Ian Robinson, left, chief executive of ScottishPower, and Richard Grasso, chairman of New York Stock Exchange, are accompanied by a piper as shares in the multi-utility go live on Wall Street yesterday. It becomes the first Scottish company with an American listing. The share price in London responded with a 7½p rise to 469p

BUSINESS TODAY

STOCK MARKET INDICES

FTSE 100	4985.2	(-9.0)
Yield	3.32%	
FTSE All share	2346.18	(-2.21)
Nikkei	18633.86	(-16.31)
New York:		
Dow Jones	7835.18	(+12.77)
S&P Composite	931.20	(+2.15)

US RATE

Federal Funds	5½%	(5½%)
Long Bond	$96\frac{29}{32}$	($96\frac{17}{32}$)
Yield	6.61%	(6.64%)

LONDON MONEY

3-mth Interbank	$7\frac{7}{32}$%	(7¼%)
Liffe long gilt future (Dec)	$115\frac{1}{8}$	($114\frac{27}{32}$)

STERLING

New York:		
$	1.5810	(1.5940)
London:		
$	1.5827	(1.5855)
DM	2.8650	(2.8646)
FFr	9.6358	(9.6398)
SFr	2.3530	(2.3467)
Yen	191.74	(192.17)
£ Index	100.1	(100.2)

DOLLAR

London:		
DM	1.8085	(1.8025)
FFr	6.0810	(6.0650)
SFr	1.4858	(1.4783)
Yen	121.16	(121.15)
$ Index	106.3	(106.2)

Tokyo close Yen 120.81

NORTH SEA OIL

Brent 15-day (Nov)	$18.50	($18.55)

GOLD

London close	$321.85	($321.85)

Confusion halts share deals in British Energy

BY JON ASHWORTH AND MICHAEL CLARK

BRITISH ENERGY, the privatised nuclear power generator, is expected to make a formal complaint to the Stock Exchange after trading in its shares was suspended for more than two hours yesterday.

Shares in the company appeared to leap 44 per cent, to 301p, when trading opened, catching brokers and fund managers off-guard. In fact, the jump was caused by market-makers factoring in the second 98p instalment on the shares, due to be paid by September 16. However, some market-makers continued to quote the shares as partly paid yesterday, quoting a spread of 207p to 210p, against the 300p-to-305p fully-paid level.

The shares were due to be quoted on a fully-paid basis from yesterday, but with a deferred settlement date.

The Stock Exchange feed that supplies prices was taken down at 8.44am, soon after trading began, but at least seven trades went through at the wrong price.

One broker told *The Times*: "I sold a parcel of shares at the 295p level and no one has given me instructions, so far, to unwind the bargain. It was only later I discovered the real price should have been nearer 309p."

The service resumed at 11am, but information services such as Topic were unable to provide a generally available quote for the rest of the day. The Stock Exchange insisted that any trades booked at the wrong price would be rebooked at the correct price.

Similar problems beset Railtrack a week before its second payment became due earlier this year.

City sources blamed the confusion on the Stock Exchange, saying it had failed to allow for the shift in status of British Energy shares. The Stock Exchange denied any culpability, saying that it had sent out a two-page stock situation notice on July 31, and a reminder on August 1. A spokesman said: "It was an unfortunate situation, but it's been resolved fairly quickly. It is very unusual."

British Energy had no comment, but is understood to be dismayed about the disruption to trading, and intends to register its anger in a letter to the Exchange.

The company, formed out of a merger of Nuclear Electric and Scottish Nuclear, came to the stock market last summer. Its founding chief executive, Robert Hawley, bowed out in June with an estimated £450,000 payoff.

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Guinness scandal report 'flawed'

BY JON ASHWORTH

THE official report into the 1986 Guinness share support scandal is fundamentally flawed and leaves questions unanswered, sources close to the inquiry said yesterday.

The report, now with the Department of Trade and Industry, focuses on key players such as Ernest Saunders and Gerald Ronson, but ignores thousands of transactions that accompanied the £2.7 billion takeover battle for Distillers. In particular, it fails to address allegations of orchestrated selling of Guinness shares on behalf of Argyll, the drinks group, which mounted an unsuccessful counter-bid for Distillers.

The Guinness report is expected to be published next month. Margaret Beckett, President of the Board of Trade, is thought to be intent on seeing that it is published, despite reported high-level opposition.

The goverment-appointed inspectors, David Donaldson, QC, and Ian Watt, completed an interim report some years ago. Sources say it was flawed because it focused simply on a narrow band of transactions in Guinness shares. There is nothing to indicate that the inspectors subsequently widened their brief.

The inspectors neglected to interview members of the Takeover Panel, and did not investigate allegations of indemnities offered to Argyll supporters. Unnamed City figures and institutions are said to have collaborated in mass selling of Guinness shares on a huge scale. The report is thought to criticise Ephraim Margulies, the former sugar baron who died last month. Companies linked to Mr Margulies received secret payments but he was not charged.

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PIA and Bank freeze adviser

IN A co-ordinated regulatory move, the Bank of England and the Personal Investment Authority have pounced on two firms run by a Gloucester financial adviser suspected of carrying out unlicensed deposit-taking (Gavin Lumsden writes).

The Bank has obtained an injunction against Peter John Naylor, who trades as Naylor Financial Services and Naylor Investment Services, preventing him from marketing or conducting a deposit-taking business or disposing of his assets.

Up to a dozen clients are believed to have left several hundred thousands of pounds with Mr Naylor, 53.

The Bank began an investigation two months ago after an approach from the PIA.

The PIA, meanwhile, has suspended the business of Naylor Investment Services, of which Mr Naylor is sole principal.

Lenders urged to ensure safety net

BY GAVIN LUMSDEN

THE Government has urged mortgage lenders to take responsibility for providing an insurance safety net to catch borrowers who fall on hard times.

Hilary Armstrong, Housing Minister, yesterday said state provision was never meant to provide a comprehensive safety net. She said: "It must be for lenders and insurers to take the lead in ensuring homebuyers have better protection. It is essential that lenders ensure that borrowers address the question of how they would meet mortgage payments if they fell on hard times. Lenders should strongly encourage borrowers to take out insurance where they need and would benefit from it. It is in their interest to do so. Repossession is expensive, gets the industry a bad name and benefits no one."

Up to 2.5 million homeowners risk repossession because they are not insured against unemployment, accident or sickness, according to a recent report by the Joseph Rowntree Foundation. Only three in ten homebuyers arrange cover so their mortgage can be paid when they are unable to afford the premiums. This is in spite of borrowers getting no state support for the first nine months.

Research shows that most people simply do not know mortgage payment premium insurance (MPPI) exists or, if they do, consider it a waste of money. Although the cost of MPPI has come down by a third since 1995 it remains one of the most expensive forms of insurance. It can cost £25 per month to insure £100 worth of mortgage payment.

A report commissioned by the Council of Mortgage Lenders called on the Government to make MPPI compulsory for borrowers seeking mortgage interest tax relief.

CBI seeks union rethink on European policy

BY PHILIP BASSETT, INDUSTRIAL EDITOR

Turner: risks TUC anger

THE Confederation of British Industry is to call for a complete overhaul of European social policy in an attempt to limit fresh proposals from Brussels on employment law.

Adair Turner, Director-General of the CBI, will tomorrow tell the TUC in Brighton that the challenge facing Britain over Europe is to develop an approach to employment and the labour market that does not result in high unemployment.

Mr Turner's speech, which is likely to provoke walkouts from some left-wing union leaders, will call for a change of direction in European social policy. He will say that since 1988 UK unions have broadly endorsed new social legislation from Europe without considering whether it is fully applicable to Britain because they judged that with a Conservative Government Brussels was likely to be the only source of such new legal moves.

But with the election of a Labour Government it is now time to reconsider the suitability of legislation put forward by Brussels.

Mr Turner will run the risk of irritating union leaders in his insistence that his call for a fundamental reappraisal of European social policy is in line with the TUC's own thinking.

But he will praise trade unions in the UK for going further than their European counterparts in embracing labour market flexibility, citing their full endorsement of the European-level agreement between employers and employees on part-time working, in contrast with the reservations of German trade unions. Although the main focus of his much-awaited speech to the TUC will be on European social policy, Mr Turner is also expected to acknowledge publicly the limited likelihood of the CBI and the TUC reaching agreement on the thorny issue of union recognition.

He will make clear the opposition of business to moves by Labour in office on recognition and the minimum wage, but will commit the CBI to working with the Government to limit what they see as the damage to industry of such proposals.

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THE TRADES UNION CONGRESS AT BRIGHTON

Extension of rights sought for employees

BY CHRISTINE BUCKLEY, INDUSTRIAL CORRESPONDENT

UNION leaders yesterday demanded an extension of key employment rights to protect employees from the day they start work.

Other extensions to union powers sought by the TUC include recognition of unions where 50 per cent plus one of employees in a workplace demand it and rights at work to apply to all staff regardless of the number of hours worked or form of contract.

John Edmonds, general secretary of the GMB, and Bill Morris, leader of the T&G, led the call for an end to the requirement that employees should have worked for two years before they are able to make a claim for unfair dismissal or be entitled to redundancy payments. The qualification period will be an important part of the Government's White Paper on fairness at work to be published next year.

At present employees have a number of rights from the first day of employment, such as protection from discrimination on the grounds of race or gender. But the lack of rights over dismissal claims or severance pay until employees have been on the staff for two years has led to many sackings just before the qualifying period, the TUC claims.

Mr Edmonds said: "To dismiss people unfairly is just as wrong whether it happens after two days, or after two months or after two years."

John Monks, General Secretary of the TUC, said on the eve of the Congress that he wanted to wait to see what the White Paper proposed before setting out qualification periods. But both Mr Edmonds and Mr Morris were yesterday adamant that there should be no compromise between the two-year requirement and the demand for day-one rights. The TUC's official request to the Government on qualification for rights seeks to embrace both positions. It calls for "all rights at work [to] apply to all employees regardless of hours worked, length of service or the form of contracts".

In a strong attack on the Government Mr Edmonds said: "Don't politicians understand that nowadays some employers are so bloody-minded that if people get employment rights after one year, we would see the introduction of 11-month contracts? And if the waiting period goes down to six months, we would find people employed on contracts cut down to 25 weeks."

Mr Morris said: "Access to justice should not depend on the length of your service or the numbers you work with. An injustice is an injustice whether it's done on day one or day 1,001." The leader of the T&G urged the extension of employment rights to all workers, including contract and temporary staff, seasonal employees and casual workers.

Employment rights such as claims to unfair dismissal from the first day of work are rare. According to Industrial Relations Services, the research group, French workers must have been employed for two years and work in a company of at least 11 employees to make a claim for unfair dismissal. German workers must be on the staff for six months in a company employing at least six people.

To qualify for redundancy payments in France, staff must be employed for two years. In Germany there is no minimum-service qualification for severance payments.

THOUGHTS OF THE DAY

"When I hear the Labour Government using Tory phrases, I shiver a little."

— John Edmonds, the general secretary of the GMB, on Labour's plans to maintain a flexible labour market.

"Many young workers have never even heard of trade unions, let alone been asked to join one."

— Tony Burke, the deputy general secretary of the GPMU and head of the TUC's new unionism task force.

"Fear and insecurity have been replaced by hope and a boost for the morale of ordinary people. Even West Ham United are playing well."

— Tony Dubbins, the President of the TUC, on the election of the Labour Government.

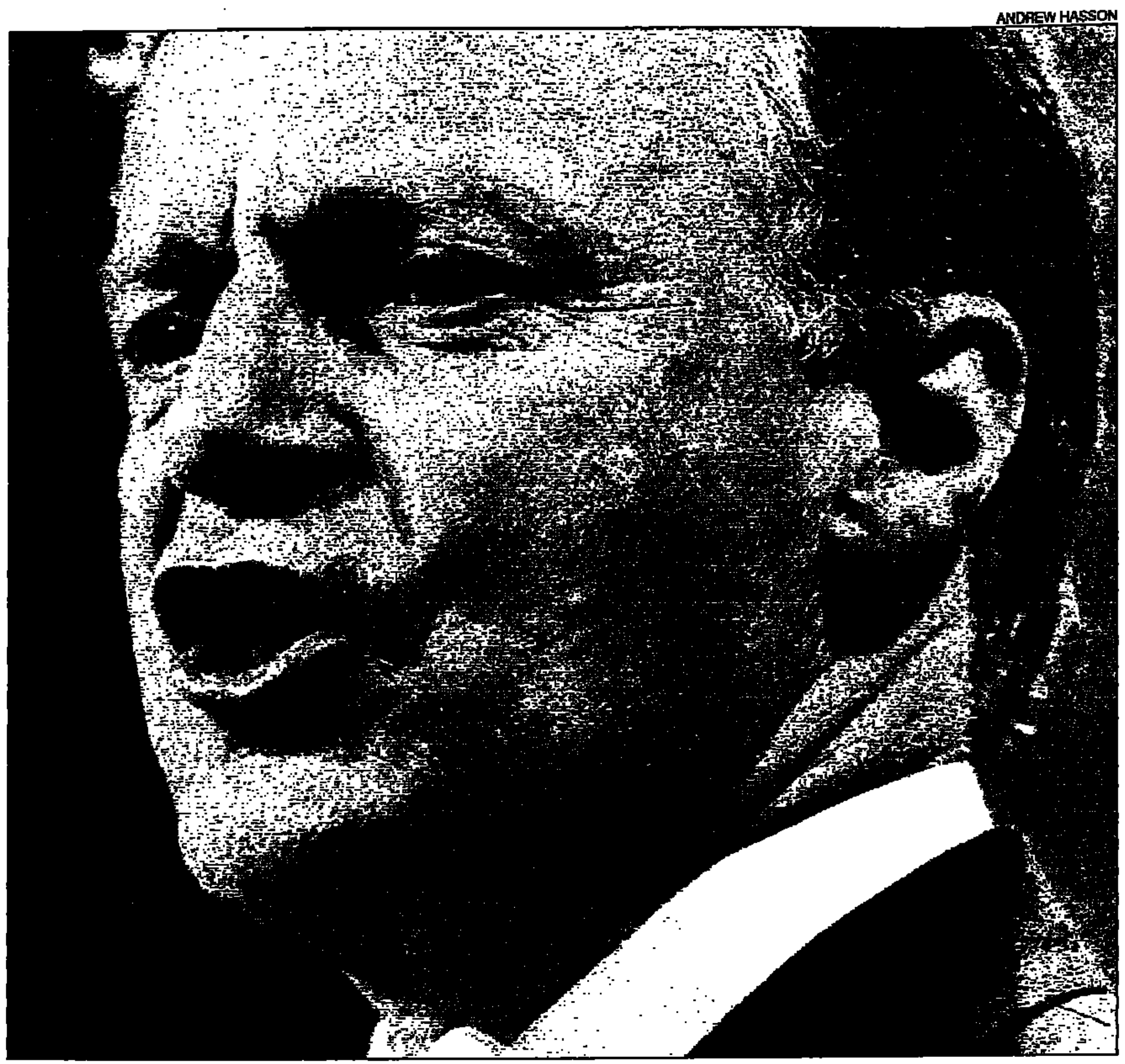
"Don't dream too much, face reality."

— John Monks, General Secretary of the TUC, to a call from CWU representative Allan Eldred for a more radical agenda.

"You need the patience of Job, the wisdom of Solomon and a bladder able to withstand three-and-a-quarter hours without relief, morning and afternoon."

— Jimmy Knapp, the leader of the RMT, on the requirements for a Congress president.

ANDREW HASSON



John Monks urges the TUC to join in dialogue with the Government and business on raising the UK's competitiveness

Monks tells unions to 'seize the moment' and modernise

BY PHILIP BASSETT, INDUSTRIAL EDITOR

JOHN MONKS, TUC General Secretary, urged Britain's unions yesterday to "seize the moment" of Labour's rise to power and modernise as part of a movement by the Government, employers and unions towards a new industrial partnership.

In his keynote speech at the opening of the TUC's annual conference in Brighton Mr Monks said unions now stood ready to join a new national dialogue with the Government and business on how to improve the UK's competitiveness and how to make Europe work best for Britain. He urged Tony Blair, who will address the TUC conference today, to help to push Britain towards a new industrial deal, drawing on his success in modernising the Labour Party: "Help to generate the momentum for the new settlement. If anyone in the UK knows the potential of breaking from past traditions and grasping the new, you do."

He called on Adair Turner, the CBI Director-General, who will speak to the conference tomorrow, to accept that bad employers undermined good ones: "Recognise that competitiveness comes from skilled and loyal staff enjoying both good conditions and the trust of their employers."

But he said the unions had to change too — to find for themselves a new and constructive place in Mr Blair's new Britain."Not just what we'd like to get, but where we can play a part. Not just what we want to see — but what we plan to do. And not just what we want others to give — but how we ourselves can contribute. Congress, seize the moment."

Mr Monks welcomed what the new Government had already achieved, including signing the EU social chapter, establishing the Low Pay Commission to recommend a national minimum wage, promising new laws to give unions legal recognition rights and ending the ban on unions at GCHQ.

But he emphasised the clear differences between the unions and a Labour government, with the Government pledged to govern in the interest of the whole country. He rejected those eager to seize on splits and divisions between the unions and Labour: "If the TUC and the Government were always in agreement, it would only prove that neither of us was doing our job properly."

But while he supported close involvement by employers in a new national dialogue, he sharply criticised some forms of work flexibility embraced by certain companies. Companies needed to be flexible. But the hire and fire culture was not flexibility, just exploitation.

He said: "Employers might want flexible workers. But people at work today need flexible employers. Not the hire and fire, take it or leave it brigade, but the ones who see that choices must be a two-way street, worked out together."

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Drive to revive membership

BY OUR INDUSTRIAL CORRESPONDENT

THE TUC set out an action plan yesterday to reverse its declining membership. Tony Dubbins, the President, said the New Unionism recruitment drive was "about our relevance, our credibility and our future".

The union movement will launch a twin-track campaign to build membership where unions are already active and to spark interest in those areas where jobs are growing but union membership is non-existent. The fight for new members, which the TUC said needs "urgent action", will be backed by an academy to teach union organisation skills. The academy, into which the TUC is pumping £1 million, will train young union members to be organisers and will launch in the new year.

Trade union membership has fallen from half of the workforce in 1979 to just under a third now. Many workers in new industries ignore unions largely because there is no tradition and they are not approached to join. According to TUC research, five million workers want to join a union but have not done so because there is no presence at their workplace. The TUC now has 6.9 million members.

Tony Burke, deputy general secretary of the Graphical Paper and Media Union and head of the New Unionism Task Group, said that young workers would be a key recruitment target. "In the UK only one in five under-25-year-olds is a union member ... According to our own report, *Testament of Youth*, many young workers have never even heard of trade unions, let alone been asked to join one."

BUSINESS ROUNDUP

Merrill Lynch soars to record $1.55bn

MERRILL LYNCH Europe, the investment bank based in London, more than doubled its half-year pre-tax profits, to £158 million, helping the earnings of its parent, Merrill Lynch, to reach a record $1.55 billion (£980 million). It put the growth down to a combination of the integration of Smith New Court, the broker, and the strength of the European capital markets.

Christopher Reeve, chairman of Merrill Lynch Europe, said that the group was able to marry Smith's UK equity business to the old Merrill operations, which were strong in continental Europe and are the leading issuer of debt securities in the world. He added: "As a result of the acquisition of Smith we have been able to attract a number of high-quality corporate financiers and this has given us a much more rounded business." The London operation has also been bolstered by an injection of £188 million of extra capital from its US parent during the first half of the year.

Pound hits Haggas

JOHN HAGGAS, the spinner of wool and synthetic yarn, said sterling's strength had caused the UK market to be flooded with cheap imports and was eroding the company's competitive edge overseas. Haggas, which normaly generates 60 per cent of its sales from overseas, said that it was accepting lower margins to retain existing customers in the hope that sterling would subside. Pre-tax profits fell to £2.22 million (£2.7 million) in the year to June 30. Earnings per share fell to 7p (8.4p). A 3p final dividend, due on November 28, makes 4.5p (same).

Biomedix losses deepen

KS BIOMEDIX, the biotech company specialising in developing antibodies, says that it intends to sell the rights to its arthritis drugs next summer, if they pass the half-way Phase II tests. The company is working on what it hopes will be the first medicine to reverse the advance of arthritis, but it says that it cannot afford the costs of further tests. Its pre-tax losses deepened to an expected £847,000 (£218,000) in the year to May 31, leaving it with £2.9 million in the bank, which it expects to last for another three years. The shares held at 116½p.

Brammer lifts payout

BRAMMER, the European industrial services group, yesterday reported a 10 per cent rise, from £12.8 million to £14 million, in pre-tax profits for the six months to June 30, on turnover of £112 million, up 8.9 per cent from £103 million. Earnings per share were 21p, up 13.5 per cent from 18.5p. An interim dividend of 5.6p (5.25p) will be paid on November 11. The company said that its profits had been hit by the strength of sterling and the subdued UK market, but that its performance in mainland Europe was improving.

Dewhirst 28% ahead

DEWHIRST, the Marks & Spencer clothing supplier, lifted its pre-tax profits 28 per cent, from £11 million to £14 million, in the 26 weeks to July 18, on sales of £177 million, up 20 per cent from £147 million. Earnings per share were 7.41p, up 31 per cent from 5.66p. An interim dividend of 1.4p (1.15p) will be paid on November 7. The company said that both its clothing division and its toiletries division had performed well. The board expects further progress in the second half.

AEA buys green firm

AEA Technology, the science and engineering group, is acquiring ERG Environmental Resource Group from Southern Water for a profit-related sum of up to £6 million, with an initial payment of £4 million. ERG, based in West Sussex, made operating profits of £1.1 million on sales of £27.1 million in the year to March 31. Its clients include British Steel, Ford, Pirelli and Shorts and it was involved in the clear-up of the *Sea Empress* oil spill in Wales last year.

Dowding & Mills rises

DOWDING & MILLS, the electrical and mechanical services group, reported strong trading in its main markets in the opening weeks of the financial year, in spite of the strength of sterling. The company announced pre-tax profits of £14.37 (£12.26 million) for the year to June 30. Earnings were 5.89p a share, up from 4.87p. The total dividend is increased 7.8 per cent to 3.19p a share, with a 2.06p final.

Debt collector falters

INTRUM JUSTITIA, the international debt collection business, is holding the interim dividend at 1.3p a share after suffering a fall in pre-tax profits to £5.5 million from £8.2 million in the six months to June 30. The company said that it had been adversely affected by the strength of the pound and by a deterioration in trading, particularly in France, Germany and Britain. Earnings fell to 4p a share from 5.6p.

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Belgium Fr	62.24	57.28	Netherlds Gld	3.413	3.118
Canada $	2.315	2.127	New Zealand $	2.64	2.40
Cyprus Cyp£	0.888	0.816	Norway Kr	12.37	11.43
Denmark Kr	11.48	10.59	Portugal Esc	302.53	280.50
Finland Mkk	9.12	8.37	S Africa Rd	8.14	7.18
France Fr	10.09	9.31	Spain Pta	252.79	234.00
Germany Dm	3.02	2.78	Sweden Kr	13.09	11.99
Greece Dr	475	436	Switzerland Fr	2.50	2.29
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CHANGING TIMES

CompuServe sold in $1.2bn deal

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WORLDCOM, the American long-distance phone company, has acquired CompuServe Corporation, the flagging "online" company, for $1.2 billion (about £759 million).

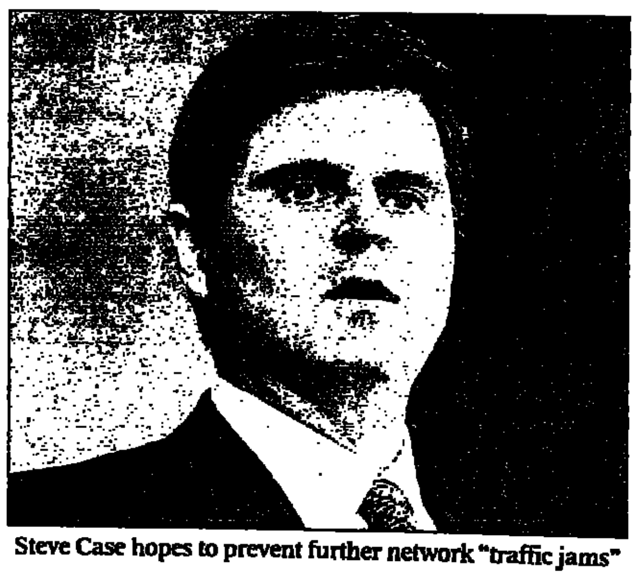
As part of the agreement Worldcom will hand over CompuServe's 2.6 million subscribers worldwide to America Online (AOL) in exchange for AOL's network services subsidiary, ANS Communications. Worldcom will also pay $175 million in cash to AOL.

The deal comes after Worldcom's purchase of H&R Block's 80 per cent stake in CompuServe. While handing subscribers over to AOL, Worldcom will keep CompuServe's high-speed telecommunications lines and Internet "gateways", enabling the former to enhance the size and reach of Uunet Technologies, its Internet services unit.

AOL, whose president is Steve Case, has been promised access to an additional 100,000 Uunet modems that would help to prevent network "traffic jams" as AOL expands. This should ensure that AOL is not embarrassed again as it was earlier this year, when, shortly after its introduction of flat-rate monthly pricing, it was forced to cede credits to enraged customers unable to connect to the dial-up service.

By catching CompuServe's subscribers in its corporate driftnet, AOL will surge still further ahead of its rivals in major online services. According to figures published in June by *Electronic Information Report*, a trade newsletter, AOL already has 8.6 million subscribers. Its nearest rival, the Microsoft Network, is now dwarfed, with a mere 2.3 million.

There is also a geographical dimension to AOL's consolidation. CompuServe, traditionally strong in Europe, has 850,000 European subscribers, which would now make AOL the largest online service in Europe. AOL Europe, a joint venture with Bertelsmann, the German publishing company, already has 650,000 subscribers.



Steve Case hopes to prevent further network "traffic jams"

French sell Télécom stake

THE French Government yesterday announced the sale of a 30 per cent stake in France Télécom, the state-owned telecommunications company (Adam Sage writes).

The sale is expected to raise up to Fr45 billion (about £4.7 billion), making it one of the biggest privatisations held in France. A 10 per cent stake in the firm will be offered to Deutsche Telekom, with a further 3 to 4 per cent made available to employees. The remaining stake will be offered to the public and to institutional investors. The French and German companies are seeking to forge a close alliance before the liberalisation of the European telecommunications market next year.

Dominique Strauss-Kahn, the French Finance Minister, said the sale would be launched this month, with France Télécom to be floated on the Paris Stock Exchange by the end of next month.

The Government's decision will be welcomed by a French business community worried that France might fall behind other European countries, most of whom have already begun liberalising their telecommunications markets.

Park Food names chief

PARK FOOD GROUP, the hamper supplier and marketing services company, yesterday announced that Alastair Kerr, former chief executive of Virgin Retail Europe, has joined it as chief executive (Sarah Cunningham writes).

The move comes after a decision to split the roles of chairman and managing director held by Peter Johnson, owner of 70 per cent of the company.

There has been pressure from institutional shareholders for the appointment of an outside executive to address the company's problems. Profits have fallen sharply to £9.6 million, from £13.7 million two years ago, and the shares, up 1p at 54½p yesterday, have fallen from a high of 140p in 1995.

Mr Johnson, who also chairs Everton Football Club and who stepped down as chairman of Nightfreight, the parcels group, in June, will remain executive chairman of Park Food. Mr Kerr said he had been assured that he would be able to run the company as a full chief executive, in spite of Mr Johnson's controlling stake. He is to present a strategic review to the board.

Acquisitions give a boost to Polypipe

BY ADAM JONES

POLYPIPE, the plastic building materials manufacturer, increased annual profits 15.1 per cent after a flurry of small acquisitions in the year.

The group also announced yesterday that Mike Hardy, its production director, has been made managing director. Pre-tax profits for the year to June 30 stood at £32.8 million on turnover of £231.7 million. Sales of pipes and fittings, boosted by the purchase of Norflex and B&H, rose from £125.8 million to £136.6 million.

Sales of bathroom and kitchen accessories rose from £20.5 million to £30.9 million. Polypipe bought Midland Stom last October, adding Celmac, the toilet seat maker, in May 1997. Other plastic products, including window products, accounted for £64.2 million in sales (£62.4 million). The market for windows was subdued in the first few months before picking up again in May. Mr Hardy blamed a fall in local authority spending and pre-election uncertainty for the lull.

A final dividend of 2.41p (2.14p), due on November 26, makes 3.33p (2.97p).

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Stock Exchange is marred

COMMENTARY

by our City Editor

What is the function of the Stock Exchange? To provide a trading floor? Not for at least a decade. To regulate the financial markets? No, that is the role of the SIB, the Bank of England and the self-regulatory organisations and will soon be the job of the super-SIB. So does the exchange catch insider traders? Well, it investigates them and then passes the file on to the Department of Trade and Industry to prosecute. And then the DTI appears to decide it is impossible to prosecute the case. Unfortunately the DTI investigators have to prove a *mens rea*, in that the person dealing not only was in possession of inside information but also dealt in the shares because he or she had the inside information. And you can count on the fingers of a mitten how often these cases can be tried successfully in any given year.

So this leaves the other function of the Stock Exchange — to maintain an orderly market. Well, yesterday it failed to do that in British Energy. The final instalment to be paid on the nuclear electricity company's shares is due next Monday and, as has happened with all privatisations, the market adjusted the price to have dual quotes a week before the event. Only the exchange failed to take account of this, so instead of there being two pages of market-making quotes, there was only one. The result — confusion, mispricing and anger. The reaction of the exchange: to suspend British Energy shares and obliterate all trace of trading for most of yesterday morning. It is not as if the exchange was not warned. A similar problem occurred when the final payment was due on Railtrack shares earlier this year.

British Energy is expected to make a formal complaint about the Stock Exchange's handling of the situation tomorrow. This could open up a can of worms, namely whether the exchange needs to exist in the form that it does. For 200 years the London Stock Exchange has been a focus of trading activity in a financial centre that is the envy of the world. Yesterday's figures from Merrill Lynch Europe, after a few weeks on from those of SBC Warburg, show that London-based financial companies are the equal of anybody — even if they are rarely British owned. But electronic markets have shown that you do not need a trading floor for most trading, and the interlinking of many markets often makes it irrelevent whether a share is traded in London, New York or Timbuktu. Regulators have realised that much trading between large companies is on a *caveat emptor* basis and constrain themselves to making sure the dealers are properly trained, the firms are properly capitalised and the small investor is not ripped off. The exchange's role in this is to make sure the systems exist to enable this trading to take place efficiently. Yesterday it did not. And if this happens on a regular basis the traders will find someone else to provide the facility and the exchange will become redundant.

Softly, softly for the economy

Fears that the enduring strength of sterling would spell disaster for the manufacturing sector have dominated the economic debate for most of this year. The contrast between the booming high street and weak manufacturing output has revived memories of the "dual economy" that bedevilled Britain's economic performance throughout the 1980s. Pessimists have even begun muttering that the combination of rising interest rates and strong sterling could tip the whole economy into recession next year.

But the manufacturing sector has so far proved more resilient than the doomsday merchants and even many industrialists have expected. Yesterday's manufacturing output figures again surprised on the upside, with manufacturing output rising at a monthly rate of 0.4 per cent and pushing the annual rate of increase to 1.6 per cent. Some of the increase simply derives from a series of back revisions to the data. But the Office for National Statistics hinted at signs of an underlying improvement, doubling its estimate of the trend in growth for manufacturing output from 1 to 2 per cent.

Nor was the improvement confined to one of the more peripheral sectors of the economy. The highly export-sensitive engineering sector showed a quarterly improvement of 3.6 per cent compared with the same period last year. The separate trade figures have also stubbornly refused to show the expected collapse in export performance. This is not to say life is rosy for the nation's manufacturers. The spate of profit warnings over the past six months emphasise that exporters have taken the pain of the surge in sterling by cutting profit margins. The forward indicators continue to point to a slowdown in export orderbooks and the data could yet take a turn for the worse.

But with the pound beginning to slide from its summer highs and the Bank of England hinting that the most aggressive phase of rate rises is now over, the outlook for manufacturing is beginning to look distinctly less gloomy. The sector has been hurt but is still very much alive — partly due to the strength of the domestic economy but also because it is proving far more competitive than when faced with similar problems in the past. If consumer spending — which has been at the heart of the Bank's obsession with overheating — now also continues to ease gently, the economy might yet escape with the fabled "soft landing".

Beckett's law needs to get tough at DTI

There certainly is a new sheriff in town, down at the DTI. Since Margaret Beckett rode into the Victoria Street headquarters, the place has been a hive of activity. Bass's purchase of Carlsberg Tetley and the London Clubs bid for Capital Corporation have been blocked. The merger of Stena and P&O is likely to be given the green light, with conditions, and, miracle of miracles, the report following the DTI investigation into Guinness is finally going to be published, only 12 years after the Distillers bid that prompted the inquiry.

As Mrs Beckett is in the spirit of cleaning out the pending tray she inherited from Ian Lang, she might think about putting a fire under investigators in four other DTI inquiries. The investigation into Wace, the pre-press group, has been going on for five-and-a-half years, and nobody can work out what it is about. The Mirror Group inquiry was held up by the criminal trials and is now moving forward four years and three months after it was launched. Investigators have been looking at the finance company Chancery for four years and hotels group Queens Moat House for nearly as long.

These investigations are expensive, slow and largely fruitless. Rarely do they expose fraud and, if they don't, the main sanction is to try to have the directors of the companies disqualified as directors, a process that is also expensive and slow. Sheriff Beckett should turn her attention to how the DTI might become more effective in rooting out corporate misdemeanours.

Family fortunes

I AM indebted to Professor Sue Birley of Imperial College, who, at the behest of Grant Thornton, the accountants, studied family businesses and found that most are "highly professional and commercially aware". Among her conclusions are that most families who run businesses disagreed with the idea that family members should automatically be entitled to a job in the firm. Did she ask Stephen and Andy Rubin at Pentland?

Fairey puts expansion on hold

BY JENNIFER HANAWALD

FAIREY GROUP, the industrial electronics and engineering company that has grown steadily through acquisitions over the past two years, yesterday appeared to rule out further purchases.

John Poulter, chief executive, said: "We are in a natural period of consolidation for the acquisitions we made in the first half of 1997." But he added that in the longer term the company would "continue to develop in sensible ways to generate profit and shareholder value".

Fairey lifted pre-tax profits to £23.96 million (£21.33 million) in the six months to June 30, despite the impact of currency fluctuations, which hit profits by £1.4 million. Sales rose to £153.7 million (£118.4 million). Earnings rose 7 per cent to 16.5p a share and the interim dividend is 3.05p (2.85p).

Sales in the electronics sector were up 47 per cent at £115.1 million including acquisitions.

The electrical power division's sales were down 22 per cent at £8.2 million. Sales in aerospace and filtration rose 1 per cent and 3 per cent respectively.

Blue Circle plays down fears over Malaysia growth

BY SARAH CUNNINGHAM

BLUE CIRCLE Industries, the cement group, yesterday sought to play down worries about growth prospects in Malaysia, one of its main markets, and said it was still looking for acquisition opportunities in the Far East.

Concern about the possible impact on the company of the postponement of several big building projects in Malaysia overshadowed its interim results announcement and helped to send its shares 7p lower, to 395p.

Among the projects that the Malaysian Government said it would postpone last week, after a run on the currency and a stock market plunge, are the controversial $6.2 billion (£3.9 million) Bakun hydro-electric dam in the Borneo jungle, a huge highway and what would have been the world's longest building.

Keith Orrell-Jones, chief executive, said he thought that a recession in Malaysia was unlikely, but he does see a slowdown in the rate of growth. He added: "It would have to be a dramatic change in growth to impact cement demand."

Tugendhat: buying plans

The company, chaired by Lord Tugendhat, made an operating profit of £16.7 million in Malaysia and Singapore in the first half, down 6.2 per cent, while turnover was up 14.6 per cent, to £94.4 million. The discrepancy arose from having to import cement at low margins. It expects to see a dramatic improvement in margins after it opens a new plant in Malaysia next week.

The company, which bought the St Mary's Cement Corporation in Canada for £194 million earlier this year, said it was still keen to make acquisitions. Its gearing is at 18 per cent and could be raised to 45 per cent with £300 million of bank borrowings. It is keenest on buying building materials companies in the Far East and South America.

The company made a pretax profit of £116.9 million in the six months to June 30, from £116.3 a year earlier, after taking an exceptional provision of £25 million to cover the cost of an agreement with UK employees reached in May. The provision covers redundancy costs across Blue Circle Cement UK's operations and asset write-offs associated with works upgrades.

The group's heating division saw its operating profit increase 18 per cent, to £120.9 million, while the bathrooms division — where it owns Armitage Shanks and Italy's Ceramica Dolomite — saw a drop in operating profit of 10 per cent, to £11.5 million, hit by a marked slowdown in the Italian market. A 4.65p (4.25p) deemed Foreign Income dividend will be paid on November 24.

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British Vita advances in first half

BRITISH VITA, the polymers and fibres group, lifted pre-tax profits 21 per cent to £32 million in the first half, in spite of a fall in turnover because of currency fluctuations (Jennifer Hanawald writes).

Sales of continuing operations were down 8.9 per cent, to £416.1 million from £456.8 million.

Frank Eaton, deputy chief executive, said the fall in turnover, which hit all divisions, was due to the translational effects of foreign currency, but added that the impact on pre-tax profit was minimal, thanks to a corresponding fall in the cost of raw materials.

Earnings rose to 9.6p a share from 7.7p and the interim dividend was raised to 4.25p a share from 4p. The shares fell 3p to 247p.

Eurotunnel enjoys fast-track recovery

BY OUR CITY STAFF

EUROTUNNEL's recovery from the fire that damaged the tunnel last November continued last month, with a 25 per cent rise in traffic on Le Shuttle trains, after a 29.5 per cent rise in July.

In the first eight months of the year, more than 1.34 million vehicles used Le Shuttle, little changed from the first eight months of last year, when it carried 1.39 million, despite the reduced service in the first five months of the year in the wake of the fire in November. A record number of vehicles for a single day, 10,986, were carried on August 29, the company said, and Le Shuttle's cross-channel market share is now more than 40 per cent.

At its peak before last year's fire its market share had risen to about 45 per cent.

Eurostar passenger traffic between Paris, London and Brussels grew 4.5 per cent in August from July and was up 20 per cent from August last year, with a record number of 681,663 passengers carried during the month.

Le Shuttle Freight has recaptured 67 per cent of last year's traffic level in only its second month since its relaunch, despite the fact that freight traffic is traditionally lower during August, Eurotunnel said.

Railfreight tonnage in August totalled 172,599 tonnes, compared with 134,774 in August last year. Eurotunnel said seasonal variations for railfreight has meant a slight decrease in tonnage this month, but shows an increase on August 1996 of 28 per cent.

Eurotunnel shares were unchanged at 69½p yesterday. A year ago, they traded at 115p.

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Builder sees calm revival in housing

BY CHRIS AYRES

WILSON BOWDEN, one of Britain's biggest housebuilders, says that prices in southern England are stabilising.

The company, which develops residential and commercial property, said it did not expect an unsustainable boom. The average price of its properties had risen by only 4 per cent over the past six months.

David Wilson, chairman, said: "The boom in the South has levelled out and the market is now less frothy and more sustainable. I do not think the market will get out of control."

The company has sold nearly 1,500 homes in the past half year, at an average £113,000.

In the half, to June 30, pretax profits rose to £29.1 million, from £17.3 million, on turnover of £231 million (£147 million). Earnings per share were 21.2p (12.3p). The interim dividend is 3.3p (3p).

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Scottish Media plans digital TV service

BY RAYMOND SNODDY
MEDIA EDITOR

SCOTTISH MEDIA, whose interests include Scottish Television, has decided to launch its own Tartan Television service on digital terrestrial television next year.

Scottish may take some programmes from the planned ITV2 channel on digital but it is now planning its own devolved schedule. The aim is to pay more attention to Scottish sport, in particular local football, horse racing and golf.

Andrew Flanagan, Scottish Media's managing director, said yesterday that if Scottish did not set up its own dedicated service "you would just cannibalise your existing advertising revenue".

Yesterday Scottish announced record interim pretax profits of £18.5 million, up 80 per cent, for the six months to June 30. The results reflected a better than expected £7 million operating profit from Caledonian, publishers of *The Herald* and *Evening Times* in Glasgow, acquired last October.

Operating profit from continuing businesses, mainly television, rose 25 per cent to £11 million. Scottish Television's advertising revenue increased 5 per cent, well ahead of ITV as a whole. Scottish increased its share of total advertising revenue to 5.02 per cent (4.79 per cent). Earnings increased to 21.6p a share from 11.5p. The interim dividend rises 20 per cent to 6.6p a share.

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STOCK MARKET **MICHAEL CLARK**

EMI price holds despite further heavy turnover

WHAT is going on at EMI? Folk in the City want to know. There was further heavy turnover in the shares yesterday, even though the price held steady at 576p.

By the close of business, a further 2.15 million shares had changed hands. Not bad for a company in which the normal market size is just 15,000 shares. However, there was still no word from the company, still regarded as one of the hottest stocks among speculators.

There was talk on Friday that Seagram, the Canadian drinks and entertainments group, was poised to make an offer, but no bid was forthcoming. Trading-floor talk suggested EMI was about to make an announcement setting the record straight. Still nothing emerged.

The music group has failed to live up to expectations since being demerged from Thorn in August last year, at the equivalent of 750p a share. The company has failed to impress in spite of handing back more than £500 million to shareholders. In July, Sir *Colin Southgate, chairman, told shareholders* this would be a difficult year.

The rest of the equity market ended the day on a flat note, unable to draw support from a firm opening rise on Wall Street. The stronger than expected industrial production numbers revived talk of a possible rise in interest rates when the Bank of England's monetary policy committee *meets tomorrow*.

In the event, the FTSE 100 index closed off its low for the day with a deficit of 9.0 points at 4,985.2 with fewer than 500 million shares traded.

There was wholesale confusion as trading got under way in **British Energy** before trading was suspended for several hours. The final instalment of 98p per partly-paid share falls due for payment next Monday. However, because of a mistake attributed to the Stock Exchange, some traders began quoting the shares fully paid at 306p, while others were trading in the partly paid form of 208p. Once the mistake was discovered, a halt was called between 8.44am and 11.40am. Trading resumed later, with the price ending at 309p as 1.38 million shares changed hands.

Dealers have complained that *this is not the first time such a* mistake has been made. There was a similar occurrence with **Railtrack**, down 14½p at 757½p yesterday, when its shares went fully paid.

Trafficmaster ended higher on confirmation of merger talks

British Aerospace saw an early mark-up on the back of reports that it is close to demerging Arlington, its commercial property arm. The deal could raise up to £300 million. Société Générale *Strauss Turnbull is* enthusiastic and has been telling clients to switch out of **Rolls-Royce**, 2p firmer at 230p. BAe is due to unveil half year figures on Thursday that should show pre-tax profits more than £100 million higher at £295 million, with its defence order book stretching well into the next century. The shares closed 31p higher at £15.67½ on turnover of almost a million shares.

Demerger is also on the agenda at **P&O**, up 13p at 660½p, whose Bovis housebuilding arm is to get a separate listing. **Great Universal Stores**, up 20½p at 663p, also says that demerging Burberrys is still an option it might consider.

Savills, the estate agent, rose 2½p to 130p on news that a top Hong Kong property company was investing £17 million in a 20 per cent stake. First Pacific is buying 10.6 million new shares at 160p.

The decision by **Scottish-Power** to seek a quote for its shares on Wall Street was rewarded with a rise of 7½p to 469p. About 8 per cent of the company is due to be listed.

Burmah Castrol has risen 100p since unveiling better than expected figures last week that included a hit of £21 million relating to currency transactions. The shares have been supported by "buy" recommendations from UBS, Dresdner Kleinwort Benson and BZW. The shares finished 3½p firmer at £10.96.

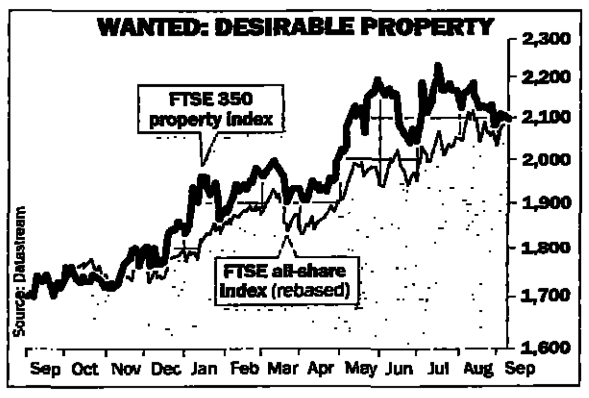
Trafficmaster touched 405p before ending the session 17½p higher at 396p after confirming that it had entered merger *talks with the* AIM-listed **Tracker Network**, 65p better at 610p. At last night's closing levels the two companies have a combined worth of £146 million.

William Ransom was steady at 77½p in spite of Michael Ransom, chairman, selling 25,000 shares at 75p. It reduces his holding to 510,923 shares, or 3.22 per cent of the company.

☐ *GILT-EDGED:* The stronger than expected industrial production figures failed to put a brake on things, with prices holding on to their early gains. Trading was subdued, with investors anxious to digest today's inflation figures before committing themselves to opening fresh positions.

In the futures pit, the December series of the long gilt rose £$^9/_{32}$ to £115⅛ as a total of 34,000 contracts were completed. Among conventional issues, Treasury 8 per cent 2015 gained £$^5/_{16}$ at £110$^{29}/_{32}$. Among shorter-dated issues, Treasury 8 per cent 2000 was £$^3/_{32}$ better at £103.

☐ **NEW YORK:** Stocks closed higher as the market tracked the jump in bonds. Alan Greenspan, the Federal Reserve Chairman, did not rattle Wall Street with his *latest comments on the economy.* The Dow Jones industrial average ended up 12.77 points at 7,835.18.



MEPC's agreed bid for PSIT, up 22p at 196p, has refocused attention on the property sector, in which the clamour for the best sites is likely to result in further deals being struck. Before striking the deal with PSIT, MEPC, up 7p at 476½p, had talks with Hammerson, down 8½p at 442p, and Greycoat, 1p firmer at 184½p, before breaking off talks as late as last week with Burford, down 8p at 108p.

The sector as a whole is stronger than ever, with the likes of *Merrill Lynch*, the broker, still recommending it to clients. Sources close to MEPC say that the PSIT acquisition should add 7p to its net asset value.

One broker said: "MEPC has been anxious to expand its property portfolio. It sees this deal as buying wholesale. It's just a 5 per cent premium to net asset."

Other brokers say MEPC has been looking to beef up its property side and it has been difficult to buy in the general market. Net asset values have been rising strongly and other *companies are looking* to buy more property.

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Cammell Laird	136½	...
EMI B	115	...
GR Holdings	52½	...
Galen Holdings	240	...
Helicon Pubslg	92½	+ 2
Kingfisher Leisure	175½	...
Reabourne Merlin	108	...
SBS Group	110½	...
Severn Trent B	37½	+ 4
Stentor Warrants	46½	...
Style Holdings	85	...
Thorn B	20½	...
Viglen Technology	62	- ½

RIGHTS ISSUES

Dixon Mtrs n/p (235)	36	...
Golden Land n/p (21)	2	...
Logica n/p (605)	162½	...
Pendragon n/p (265)	7	- ½
SEET n/p (30)	2½	- 2

MAJOR CHANGES

RISES:

Sentry Farm	107½p (+15p)
Rolfe & Nolan	347½p (+20p)
Royalblue	221½p (+12p)
Relyon	467½p (+23p)
Celltech	312½p (+15p)
Chiroscience	297½p (+14p)
Danka Bs Sys	782½p (+35p)
Jarvis	278½p (+10p)
GUS	663p (+20½p)
JJB Sports	477½p (+10p)
BTG	787½p (+19p)
Cantab Pharms	840p (+25p)
Psion	409½p (+12p)

FALLS:

Vero	89p (-10½p)
Wolseley	4666 (-15p)
Photobition	700p (-20p)
Halifax	714p (-12p)
Whitbread	815p (-12p)
Blue Circle	395p (-7½p)
Stand Chart	797½p (-11p)
Lloyds TSB	739p (-8½p)
Harmony	282½p (-9p)
Plasmec	152½p (-9p)
Spirax-Sarco	683½p (-9p)

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TEMPUS

Unsquared Circle

THIS was to be a great year for Blue Circle — burgeoning demand for cement in Asia *coupled with recovery in heating products* in Europe — but it is not going according to plan. Growth prospects in Malaysia, where Blue Circle has been one of main beneficiaries of a building boom, look at best shaky.

After the recent sharp depreciation of its currency and the plunge in share prices, the country has responded by postponing some of its "megaprojects", including the Bakun dam. While this may be good news for the Malaysian financial markets, it is very bad *news* for anyone in the domestic building trade. Those companies that supply the *building blocks needed to crowd the* Kuala Lumpur skyline could be at risk from a squeeze in the construction sector.

Blue Circle's operating profit in Asia in the first half was hit by delays to the start-up of new cement production capacity in Malaysia. It hopes that the new capacity will replace low-margin imported cement, *improving* profits and increasing sales. Blue Circle thinks the Malaysian Government would rather buy from the new local source to shore up the balance of payments. This holds good as long as the Government carries on buying cement. However, when a construction boom ends it tends to be unpleasantly abrupt. This could leave Blue Circle with a shiny new plant just as the key customer cancels a big order.

None of this would matter as much if the UK cement market were in better shape, but the second half has so far failed to sustain the growth level of the first. At best, Blue Circle's growth is deferred, but Malaysia offers a reason to avoid the shares.

Scottish Media

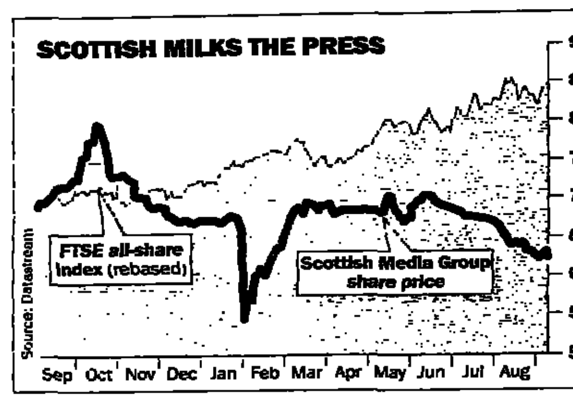
NOT EVERY investor was ecstatic when Scottish Television, as it then was, decided to pre-empt the flotation of Caledonian Publishing, the company behind *The Herald* and *Evening Times* in Glasgow.

Fashionably billed as a cross-media deal, it gave Scottish an interesting position in the local advertising market, but some observers rather sniffily wondered why Scottish was bothering with such a "mature medium" as newspapers.

The answer came yesterday *in rather eloquent terms. Newspapers may be mature*, but they share a common characteristic with commercial television — they are cash cows — and Scottish, while increasing investment in editorial, has milked Caledonian's cash potential assiduously. Newspaper advertising yield has been increased at the expense of volume and bulk sales have been put to the sword even though it has meant circulation has suffered in the short term.

Scottish Media can even point to evidence of genuine cross-media advertising campaigns, introducing local companies such as Arnold Clark, Scotland's largest car dealer to the joys of television advertising. Caledonian contributed £7 million to operating profits, including £1 million from cost savings.

It looks like a very solid base from which to launch the expected takeover of Ulster Television.



Forth Ports

AMID all the fuss about the property ventures of Associated British Ports, its diminutive rival Forth Ports is worth a look. Rather than relying on real estate to fund its growth, the Scottish port operator has invested heavily in transport. Since its flotation at 110p in March 1992, Forth has acquired Dundee and, more excitingly, Tilbury, giving it a big catchment area in the South of England, boosting the shares to 610p.

Forth has done well, but is highly dependent on growth in volume of trade through its ports. In the half year, tonnage slipped back a whisker, but growth is forecast at Tilbury after a deal with MoDo, the Swedish paper company. Yet, there are worries.

In February Forth took over a bankrupt shipping business at Grangemouth, Currie Line, apparently to safeguard its own stevedoring operations. Forth does not reveal the size of the investment, but indicates that it was modest and intends to keep it under review. The deal raises unfortunate comparisons with Mersey Docks, which, for analagous reasons, took over the Eurolink ferry service to The Netherlands, only to shut it down later at a cost of £9 million.

Ports should stay out of the shipping business — owning your customers as a means of controlling volumes in the core business is the worst form of vertical integration. Shipping is a capital-intensive and *highly cyclical* business with poor margins, and Forth would better employ its funds building warehouses and grainstores, where it makes good money. The shares would be good value without the extra spice from Currie.

ASW

ASW has descended to that nether world inhabited by companies that fail to attract the attentions of analysts in big broking firms. The steelmaker's share price has dropped from 247p in 1995 to less than 30p.

Yesterday's interim results showed some improvements, but not enough to alter the City's overall disdain. The strength of the dollar has led cheap competitors, such as the Turks, to export to the US instead of Europe, allowing some price increases on the Continent. UK prices, however, are still at low levels and the winter can always wreak havoc on demand for steel from construction companies. *Having expanded aggressively* on the Continent, ASW suffered from the severe construction recession and has tried to get round its cash-generation problem through disposals and staff layoffs. ASW sells a commodity in an oversupplied market so there are few bets on the company soon attracting the attentions of highly paid analysts.

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COMMODITIES

LIFFE

COCOA

Sep	1102-1197	Dec	1212-1210
Dec	1137-1136	Mar	1224-1221
Mar	1158-1156	May	1235-1230
May	1176-1174	Jul	1255-1247
Jul	1189-1185		
Sep	1201-1200		Volume: 5967

ROBUSTA COFFEE ($)

Sep	1634-1630	May	1636 SLR
Nov	1646-1646	Jul	1636 SLR
Jan	1650 SLR	Sep	unq
Mar	unq		Volume: 2443

WHITE SUGAR (FOB)

Reuters		May	325.4-24.6
Spot: 331.0		Aug	324.7-23.2
Oct	324.0-23.9	Oct	320.5-18.6
Dec	324.2-23.9	Dec	320.5-17.6
Mar	326.2-25.9		Volume: 3133

MEAT & LIVESTOCK COMMISSION

Average fatstock prices at representative markets on September 5

(p/kg lw)	Pig	Sheep	Cattle
GB.	78.23	114.39	100.55
(+/-)	-2.51	+0.30	+1.19
Eng/Wales:	78.23	114.74	100.55
(+/-)	-2.51	+0.47	-0.07
(%)	+11.0	-21.0	+1.0
Scotland:	unq	111.58	100.49
(+/-)		+1.12	-2.07
(%)		-30.0	-2.0

ICIS-LOR (London 8.30pm)

CRUDE OILS ($/barrel FOB)

Brent Physical	18.15	-0.10
Brent 15 day (Oct)	18.40	-0.10
Brent 15 day (Nov)	18.50	-0.05
W Texas Intermediate (Oct)	19.40	-0.20
W Texas Intermediate (Nov)	19.60	-0.10

PRODUCTS ($/MT)

Spot CIF NW Europe (prompt delivery)

	Bid	Offer
Premium Unld	218 (+3)	221 (+3)
Gasoil EEC	164 (+1)	166 (+2)
3.5 Fuel Oil	90 (-2)	93 (-2)
Naphtha	186 (+2)	188 (+1)

IPE FUTURES (GNI Ltd)

GAS OIL

Sep	163.25-63.50	Dec	169.00 BID
Oct	165.00-65.25	Jan	170.25-70.50
Nov	167.00-67.25		Vol: 17192

BRENT (6.15pm)

Oct	18.33-18.34	Jan	18.60-18.65
Nov	18.44-18.45	Feb	18.60-18.634
Dec	18.54-18.57		Vol: 27027

GNI LONDON GRAIN FUTURES

LIFFE WHEAT (close £/t)

Sep	87.50
Nov	88.95
Jan	90.75
Mar	92.75
May	94.75
	Volume: 266

LIFFE BARLEY (close £/t)

Sep	80.90
Nov	82.40
Jan	84.40
Mar	86.30
May	87.65
	Volume: 12

LIFFE POTATO (£/t)

	Open	Close
Nov	unq	62.0
Mar		95.0
Apr	116.0	115.0
		Volume: 47

RUBBER (No 1 RSS Cif p/k)

Sep 61.25-61.75

LIFFE BIFFEX (GNI Ltd $10/pt)

	High	Low	Close
Sep 97	1310	1310	1315
Oct 97	1435	1435	1435
Nov 97	unq		1455
Jan 98	1440	1440	1455
Vol: 12 lots		Open interest: 2597	

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LONDON METAL EXCHANGE

(Official) (Volume prev day)	Cash	3mth	Rudolf Wolff
Copper Gde A ($/tonne)	Cash: 2148.0-2149.0	3mth: 2159.0-2160.0	Vol: 96660
Lead ($/tonne)	*643.50-644.00*	*654.00-655.00*	272150
Zinc Spec Hi Gde ($/tonne)	1677.0-1678.0	1489.0-1490.0	474000
Tin ($/tonne)	5440.0-5450.0	5473.0-5474.0	32790
Aluminium Hi Gde ($/tonne)	1580.0-1581.0	1600.0-1600.5	2332675
Nickel ($/tonne)	6560.0-6565.0	6690.0-6700.0	74272

LIFFE OPTIONS

	Series	Calls Oct	Calls Jan	Calls Apr	Puts Oct	Puts Jan	Puts Apr
Alld Dom	460	27	39	47	9	24	29½
(*474½)	500	8½	20	29	29½	40½	50½
ASDA	140	7	12½	15	3½	6	7½
(*143½)	160	1	4½	6½	17	18	19
Boots	800	37½	64½	80	10	34	39
(*815½)	850	15	40	54½	43	59	65
Br Airways	600	53	73½	85	6	19½	21½
(*644)	650	20½	43	57	23	36½	42½
BP	900	43	72	90	21½	37	49
(*916)	950	22	46½	67	47½	62½	74½
Br Steel	160	15	19	23	3	7	9
(*172)	180	4	9	14	11½	16½	19
C & W	550	26½	49½	62	17	32½	37
(*554)	600	8½	28½	39½	49½	61	65
CU	700	61	95	102½	11½	32	38
(*749½)	750	34½	67	75½	30½	57	61
ICI	1000	40	78	98	31½	54½	65
(*1001)	1050	20	54½	69	59½	82	93
Land Sec	900	26	48½	67	22	32½	39
(*901½)	950	7½	26½	43	52	62	67
M & S	600	26½	44	58	14½	25½	33
(*609½)	650	8½	23	36	44	53½	59
Nat West	800	48	70	102	22	40½	65
(*823)	850	23½	60	77	47½	74	58½
Safeway plc	390	19½	28	36½	9	19½	22½
(*399)	420	5	14½	23	27	35	39
Sainsbury	420	17½	30	39½	11½	19½	23½
(*425½)	460	3½	13	21½	36½	42	46½
Shell	433	20	36½	—	11	22	—
(*444)	459	12½	25	—	19½	30	—
Smkl Bch	550	26½	49½	64	19	30	39½
(*559)	575	15	37	51	31	42	51½
Storehse	300	—	—	—	—	—	—
(unq)	330	—	—	—	—	—	—
Trafalgar	50	—	—	—	—	—	—
(unq)	60	—	—	—	—	—	—
Zeneca	1900	94½	155½	197	54	90	109½
(*1933½)	2000	45	105½	146½	104½	136	156½

	Series	Oct	Jan	Apr	Oct	Jan	Apr
BAT Ind	500	41½	64	70½	10½	21	31
(*529½)	550	15½	38	44½	33	44	56
Vodafone	300	30	36½	47	5	9½	12½
(*325½)	330	11	22	31	14	21½	25½

	Series	Nov	Feb	May	Nov	Feb	May
Grnd Met	550	51	65	75½	11	20	26
(*544½)	600	21	38	50½	32	45	49½
Ladbroke	240	23	29½	34	6½	9	12½
(*256½)	260	12	19	25	15	17½	21½
Utd Bisc	210	10	16½	19½	7	9½	12
(*203½)	220	3	8	10	21	21	24½

	Series	Calls Oct	Calls Jan	Calls Apr	Puts Oct	Puts Jan	Puts Apr
BAA	550	32½	40½	60	9	19	22½
(*571)	600	8	24	35½	35	45	48
Thames W	900	29½	50	65	20	37½	42½
(*903)	950	10½	28½	42½	51½	66½	71½

	Series	Nov	Feb	May	Nov	Feb	May
BTR	201	22	28	33½	7	9½	12
(*218½)	220	12	19½	23	16	18	22
Br Aero	1500	111	152½	172	29½	46½	61
(*1567½)	1600	54	96	117½	74½	91½	106½
Br Telcm	385	40	46	—	10	22½	—
(*411)	425	18	25½	—	26	42	—
Cadbury	600	29	45	53	22	30½	39½
(*602½)	650	10	23½	31½	55½	61	68½
Guinness	550	29½	43	47½	21½	30	34½
(*554)	600	10	22	29½	53	59½	63½
GEC	390	23½	33½	43	13	22	25½
(*396½)	420	10	19½	28½	30	37	41
Hanson	300	24	33½	39	7½	11½	17
(*317)	330	9	18½	24	23	26½	32½
LASMO	260	17½	26	29	8½	13	16
(*269)	280	8½	16½	20	18½	25	26½
LucasVarity	200	17½	22½	27½	5½	8½	10
(*210)	220	8	13½	17½	15	18½	20
Pilkington	140	—	—	—	—	—	—
(*146½)	160	—	—	—	—	—	—
Prudential	600	54	75	89	18	28	36½
(*636½)	650	27	49½	62½	41½	52	62
Redland	280	23	30½	37	8	14	19
(*293½)	300	12	20	27	18½	23½	29
R-Royce	220	20	28	31½	8	11½	15
(*230)	240	10½	18	22	18	22	25
Tesco	420	21	34	43½	17	22	28
(*423½)	460	7	18	26½	42½	46	50½
Williams	330	—	—	—	—	—	—
(unq)	360	—	—	—	—	—	—

FTSE INDEX (*4986½)

	4850	4900	4950	5000	5050	5100
Calls						
Sep	166½	120	94½	65½	43	27
Oct	235	200½	171	142½	117	96
Nov	296	266½	237½	208½	180	155
Dec	341½	310½	281½	253	223½	201½
Jun	—	477	—	417½	—	360
Puts						
Sep	27½	41½	58½	83½	116	155½
Oct	84	101	123½	147	173	203
Nov	124	145	167	189	212½	242½
Dec	152	171½	193	215	239½	266½
Jun	—	266	—	307	—	358

	Series	Calls Oct	Calls Jan	Calls Apr	Puts Oct	Puts Jan	Puts Apr
Abby Nat	850	45	90½	107½	25½	47	61
(*870½)	900	25	61½	75½	51½	72	85½
Amstrad	140	—	—	—	—	—	—
(unq)	160	—	—	—	—	—	—
Barclays	1450	71	129½	162½	49	92½	113
(*1461½)	1500	47	114½	137	75	118	137
Natl Pwr	550	34½	51	63	11½	25½	29½
(*571½)	600	10½	29½	39	36½	50	51½

	Series	Oct	Jan	Apr	Oct	Jan	Apr
Glaxo Well	1300	60½	110	139½	37½	62	93½
(*1319)	1350	36½	88	110	62	86½	107
HSBC	2000	106½	202½	253	61	114½	157
(*2041)	2100	59½	152	202	112	164	205½
Reuter	600	58½	80	91	4	15½	26
(*648)	650	25	50½	62	20	35½	46½
Royal & Sun	500	30	51	59	12½	23	35½
(*515½)	550	9	28	35½	41	57½	62

	Series	Nov	Feb	May	Nov	Feb	May
Blue Circ	390	22½	35	39	17	19	25½
(*395)	420	10	21½	26½	34½	36½	42
Kingfishr	750	45	63½	76	26	36½	46½
(*768)	800	24½	41	52	54	63	75½

	Series	Jun			Jun		
Br Gas	240	—	—	—	—	—	—
(unq)	260	—	—	—	—	—	—

	Series	Sep	Dec	Mar	Sep	Dec	Mar
Dixons	600	41½	68	82	2	19	25½
(*640)	650	8	39	54	19	40½	47½
EMI Group	575	15	44	55	10½	30½	36
(*577)	600	7½	32	43	29½	45½	51
Tarmac	120	5½	10	14	1	5½	7
(*124)	130	1	6	9½	6½	11	12½
Hillsdwn	160	8½	—	—	1	—	—
(*167½)	180	0½	—	—	13	—	—
Lonrho	120	3½	10	12½	2	5½	9½
(*120½)	130	0½	6	8½	9½	11½	14½
Sears	90	—	—	—	—	—	—
(unq)	100	—	—	—	—	—	—
Thorn EMI	1500	—	—	—	—	—	—
(unq)	1600	—	—	—	—	—	—
Tomkins	300	12½	25	30½	1½	8	11½
(*311)	330	1	10½	16	19½	23½	27
Lloyds TSB	700	44	83½	109½	4½	30½	42
(*739)	750	13½	56½	75	24	53½	67
Scot Pwr	460	16	38	44½	2½	17½	22
(*469½)	500	1½	20½	27½	30	39	42½
Unilever	1850	33½	112½	155½	22	78	95
(*1810)	1900	3½	88	109	91½	132	149½

September 8, 1997 Tot: 22998 Call: 4567 Put: 14405 FTSE Call: 1165 Put: 990
*Underlying security price.

LONDON FINANCIAL FUTURES

	Period	Open	High	Low	Sett	Vol
Long Gilt Previous open interest 158796	Sep 97	115-11	115-22	115-11	115-20	3391
	Dec 97	114-30	115-06	114-27	115-04	34522
German Govt Bond (Bund) Previous open interest 238868	Dec 97	101.31	101.63	101.28	101.58	90195
	Mar 98				100.68	0
Italian Govt Bond (BTP) Previous open interest 103658	Dec 97	109.35	109.97	109.32	109.76	41043
	Mar 98				109.66	0
Japanese Govt Bond (JGB)	Dec 97	126.98	127.03	126.94	127.00	1756
	Mar 98	126.07	126.09	126.00	126.01	390
Three Mth Sterling	Sep 97	92.73	92.74	92.73	92.74	4895
	Dec 97	92.61	92.65	92.61	92.65	24908
Previous open interest 669548	Mar 98	92.60	92.65	92.60	92.64	17419
Three Mth Euromark Previous open interest 1664631	Sep 97	96.69	96.72	96.69	96.72	22971
	Dec 97	96.47	96.50	96.47	96.50	20360
Three Mth Eurolira Previous open interest 392620	Sep 97	93.20	93.21	93.18	93.21	7968
	Dec 97	93.59	93.60	93.57	93.59	16352
Three Mth Euroyen	Dec 97				99.42	0
	Mar 98				99.37	0
Three Mth Euroswiss Previous open interest 169908	Sep 97	98.46	98.49	98.45	98.45	6369
	Dec 97	98.14	98.18	98.09	98.13	16917
Three Mth ECU Previous open interest 40884	Sep 97	95.64	95.67	95.63	95.66	433
	Dec 97	95.55	95.58	95.55	95.58	341
FTSE 100 Previous open interest 77597	Sep 97	4995.0	5020.0	4965.0	4983.0	9129
	Dec 97	5064.0	5081.5	5037.0	5044.0	4607

MONEY RATES (%)

Base Rates: Clearing Banks 7 Finance Hse 7
Discount Market Loans: O/night high: 7 Low 6½ Week fixed: 7
Treasury Bills (Dis): Buy: 2 mth 6$^{27}/_{32}$; 3 mth 6$^{27}/_{32}$. Sell: 2 mth 6$^{25}/_{32}$; 3 mth: 6$^{25}/_{32}$.

	1 mth	2 mth	3 mth	6 mth	12 mth
Prime Bank Bills (Dis):	7-6$^{31}/_{32}$	7$^{1}/_{32}$-6$^{31}/_{32}$	7$^{1}/_{16}$-7	7$^{3}/_{16}$-7⅛	
Sterling Money Rates:	7⅛-7$^{1}/_{16}$	7$^{3}/_{16}$-7⅛	7¼-7$^{3}/_{16}$	7$^{13}/_{32}$-7$^{11}/_{32}$	7½-7$^{7}/_{16}$
Interbank:	7⅛-7$^{1}/_{16}$	7$^{3}/_{16}$-7⅛	7¼-7$^{3}/_{16}$	7$^{13}/_{32}$-7$^{11}/_{32}$	7½-7$^{7}/_{16}$
Overnight: open 7, close 7.					
Local Authority Deps:	7$^{1}/_{16}$	n/a	7$^{3}/_{16}$	7$^{5}/_{16}$	7$^{7}/_{16}$
Sterling CDs:	7⅛-7$^{1}/_{16}$	7$^{3}/_{16}$-7⅛	7¼-7$^{3}/_{16}$	7$^{3}/_{8}$-7$^{5}/_{16}$	7$^{17}/_{32}$-7$^{15}/_{32}$
Dollar CDs:	5.52	n/a	5.56	5.74	5.96
Building Society CDs:	7⅛-7$^{1}/_{16}$	7$^{3}/_{16}$-7⅛	7¼-7$^{3}/_{16}$	7⅜-7$^{5}/_{16}$	7½-7$^{7}/_{16}$

EUROPEAN MONEY DEPOSITS (%)

Currency	7 day	1 mth	3 mth	6 mth	Call
Dollar:	5⅝-5½	5$^{21}/_{32}$-5$^{17}/_{32}$	5$^{23}/_{32}$-5$^{19}/_{32}$	5$^{27}/_{32}$-5$^{23}/_{32}$	5½-4¾
Deutschemark:	3$^{1}/_{16}$-2$^{15}/_{16}$	3$^{3}/_{32}$-3⅛	3¼-3	3$^{11}/_{32}$-3$^{7}/_{32}$	3⅛-2¾
French Franc:	3⅛-3	3$^{3}/_{16}$-3$^{1}/_{16}$	3⅜-3¼	3½-3⅜	3⅛-2⅝
Swiss Franc:	1⅜-1¼	1$^{3}/_{8}$-1¼	1½-1⅜	1⅝-1½	1¼-¾
Yen:	$^{9}/_{16}$-$^{7}/_{16}$	$^{9}/_{16}$-$^{7}/_{16}$	$^{5}/_{8}$-$^{1}/_{2}$	$^{11}/_{16}$-$^{9}/_{16}$	1-par

GOLD/PRECIOUS METALS (Baird & Co)

Bullion: Open $322.00-322.30 **Close:** $321.60-322.10 **High:** $321.90-322.40
Low: $320.30-320.80 **AM:** $322.05 **PM:** $321.50

Krugerrand: $321.25-323.25 (£203.00-205.00)

Platinum: $416.50 (£263.00) **Silver:** $4.70 (£2.965) **Palladium:** $186.50 (£117.80)

STERLING SPOT AND FORWARD RATES

Mkt Rates for Sept 8	Range	Close	1 month	3 month
Amsterdam	3.2117-3.2282	3.2255-3.2282	1⅛pr	3-2⅞pr
Brussels	58.860-59.191	59.095-59.191	19-15pr	55-48pr
Copenhagen	10.853-10.911	10.902-10.911	¾-¼pr	1⅝-¾pr
Dublin	1.0563-1.0652	1.0612-1.0631	11-5pr	28-21pr
Frankfurt	2.8512-2.8662	2.8638-2.8662	1-¾pr	2⅛-2⅞pr
Lisbon	289.32-290.92	290.61-290.92	¾-¼pr	1⅞-1½pr
Madrid	240.61-241.72	241.45-241.62	41-31pr	126-108pr
Milan	2779.7-2793.3	2789.5-2793.3	12pr-3ds	34-12pr
Montreal	2.1833-2.1940	2.1868-2.1888	0.68-0.62pr	1.36-1.28pr
New York	1.5812-1.5882	1.5822-1.5833	0.20-0.18pr	0.595-0.565pr
Oslo	11.715-11.780	11.771-11.780	¾-¼pr	1⅝-¾pr
Paris	9.5980-9.6416	9.6301-9.6416	3⅞-3pr	9⅞-9pr
Stockholm	12.254-12.317	12.287-12.305	¾-¼pr	1¾pr
Tokyo	191.32-192.27	191.65-191.82	1⅞-1¼pr	3⅞-3¾pr
Vienna	20.063-20.170	20.151-20.170	¾-¼pr	1-1¼pr
Zurich	2.3379-2.3542	2.3518-2.3542	1⅞-1pr	3⅞-3⅜pr

Source: Extel *Premium - pr. Discount - ds.*

DOLLAR RATES

Australia	1.3653-1.3663
Austria	12.72-12.73
Belgium (Com)	37.30-37.35
Canada	1.3815-1.3820
Denmark	6.8819-6.8839
France	6.0798-6.0818
Germany	1.8076-1.8081
Hong Kong	7.7463-7.7473
Ireland	1.4978-1.4928
Italy	1763.00-1766.00
Japan	120.83-120.88
Malaysia	*2.9101-2.9151*
Netherlands	2.0368-2.0373
Norway	7.4308-7.4358
Portugal	183.51-183.61
Singapore	1.5030-1.5050
Spain	152.46-152.54
Sweden	7.7619-7.7694
Switzerland	1.4840-1.4850

OTHER STERLING

Argentina peso*	1.5828-1.5854
Australia dollar	2.1639-2.1660
Bahrain dinar	0.5920-0.6060
Brazil real*	1.7282-1.7326
China yuan	13.015-13.315
Cyprus pound	0.8285-0.8475
Finland markka	8.4925-8.6335
Greece drachma	444.0-454.5
Hong Kong dollar	12.2585-12.2686
India rupee	57.67-58.97
Indonesia rupiah	n/a
Kuwait dinar KD	0.4790-0.4900
Malaysia ringgit	4.6052-4.6164
New Zealand dollar	2.4719-2.4763
Pakistan rupee	62.80 Buy
Saudi Arabia riyal	5.7175-5.8525
Singapore dollar	2.3785-2.3833
S Africa rand (com)	7.3600-7.5290
U A E dirham	5.7675-5.9035

*Barclays Bank GTS * Lloyds Bank*

FTSE VOLUMES

3i	481	Ladbroke	1,800
ASDA Gp	2,000	Land Secs	1,100
Abbey Ntl	814	Legal & Gn	1,100
Allnce & Leic	1,000	Lloyds TSB	5,100
Allied Dom	158	LucasVarity	3,600
AB Foods	504	Marks Spr	3,500
BAA	1,600	Mercury Ast	545
BAT Inds	4,800	NatWst Bk	2,000
BG	2,500	Nat Grid	1,900
BOC	1,200	Nat Power	2,600
BP	3,500	Next	618
BSkyB	2,400	Orange	503
BTR	4,000	P & O	877
BT	10,000	Pearson	792
Bk of Scot	2,800	PowerGen	549
Barclays	1,100	Prudential	2,000
Bass	1,600	RMC	44
Blue Circle	3,700	Railtrack	1,500
Boots	1,300	Rank Group	1,300
BAe	1,100	Reckitt Col	412
BA	2,000	Reed Intl	3,700
British Land	559	Rentokil	4,500
Brit Steel	4,600	Reuters	1,100
Burmah Cstl	146	Rio Tinto	553
Cable Wire	2,200	Rolls Royce	5,000
Cadbury	1,300	Royal & Sun	4,100
Carlton Cms	2,400	Royal Bk Sct	1,900
Centrica	6,500	Safeway	1,100
Cm Union	2,400	Sainsbury	1,800
Dixons	1,400	Schroders	64
EMI	2,200	Scot & New	91
Energy Gp	339	Scot Power	4,500
Enterpr Oil	139	Svrn Trent	313
GKN	1,600	Shell Trans	3,800
GRE	1,200	Siebe	879
GUS	2,400	SmKl Bch	6,500
Gen Acc	421	Smiths Inds	111
Gen Elec	3,900	Std Chartd	3,100
Glaxo Well	1,500	TI Gp	322
Granada	1,200	Tate & Lyle	562
Grand Met	1,200	Tesco	3,000
Guinness	1,600	Thames W	308
HSBC	1,500	Tomkins	492
Halifax	2,300	Unilever	826
Hanson	1,800	Utd Utilities	826
Hays	818	Utd News	486
ICI	293	Vodafone	3,700
Imp Tob	1,500	Whitbread	310
Kingfisher	1,000	Wolseley	384
LASMO	42	Zeneca	1,200

WALL STREET

	Sep 8 close	Sep 5 close
AMP Inc	53	52⅝
AMR Corp	110⅞	109½
AT & T	40⅝	40
Abbott Labs	60⅞	61½
Advanced Micro	34	35¼
Aetna Life	101⅞	101½
Ahmanson (HF)	54$^{7}/_{16}$	54⅝
Air Prod & Chem	83½	83
AirTouch Comm	35½	35½
Albertson's	33$^{11}/_{16}$	33$^{11}/_{16}$
Alcan Alumnm	35⅞	35⅝
Allied Signal	86⅝	86½
Alum Co of Am	82⅝	83½
Amerada Hess	59⅛	59⅝
Amer El Power	44½	44½
Amer Express	81¼	80
Amer Genl Corp	51	51⅝
Amer Home Pr	74⅛	74
Amer Intl	102½	101⅝
Amer Stores	24½	23⅞
Amer Standard	42⅝	41
Ameritech	63⅞	64
Amgen	49¼	49⅝
Amoco	96½	96½
Andrew Corp	26⅛	25⅞
Anheuser-Busch	44⅝	44⅝
Apple Computer	21½	22⅛
Archer Daniels	22⅛	21$^{11}/_{16}$
Armco	6⅛	6⅛
Armstrong Wrld	68½	67¼
Asarco	30¼	30⅝
Atl Richfield	80⅛	79¼
Atmel Corp	37$^{7}/_{16}$	37$^{7}/_{16}$
Auto Data Pro	46⅞	46¼
Avery Dennison	40	41⅛
Avon Products	60½	59⅞
Baker Hughes	41½	41⅞
Baltim Gas & El	27½	27⅝
Banc One	56½	54½
BankAmerica	73½	72¼
Bank of NY	46$^{1}/_{16}$	45$^{13}/_{16}$
Bankers Tr NY	109$^{11}/_{16}$	108$^{11}/_{16}$
Barnett Banks	65⅞	65½
Bausch & Lomb	41¼	41½
Baxter Intl	54⅛	54⅛
Becton Dicknsn	50⅛	49¼
Bell Atlantic	76⅞	76
BellSouth	44$^{11}/_{16}$	45
Black & Decker	38½	38⅝
Block (H&R)	39½	40⅛
Boeing	54½	55⅝
Boise Cascade	38$^{11}/_{16}$	39¼
Boston Scien	63⅛	62⅝
Bristol Myrs Sq	78⅞	80½
Browning Ferris	36½	37¼
Brunswick	32⅛	32⅝
Burlington Nthn	93½	97¼
CMS Energy Corp	35¼	36
CPC Intl	90⅛	90⅛
CSX	58⅝	58½
Campbell Soup	50⅛	50⅛
Carolina Pwr	34⅝	34⅝
Case Corp	67⅛	68½
Caterpillar	56½	56½
Central & SW	20⅛	20⅛
Champion Intl	57	59½
Chase Manhat	115½	114¼
Chevron Corp	80⅛	78½
Chrysler	36$^{1}/_{16}$	35$^{11}/_{16}$
Chubb Corp	68½	68¼
Cigna Corp	196⅛	194½
Citicorp	131½	129⅝
Clorox	66⅛	67½
Coastal Corp	58$^{11}/_{16}$	58⅝
Coca Cola	59½	59⅛
Coca Cola Ent	28½	28⅝
Colgate-Palm	65½	65$^{7}/_{16}$
Columbia Gas	65$^{3}/_{16}$	65½
ColumbiaHCA	32$^{1}/_{16}$	32½
Compaq Comp	68	69⅛
Comp Ass Intl	67⅞	69⅝
Conagra	67	67
Cons Edison	32½	31$^{11}/_{16}$
Cons Nat Gas	59	59⅝
Cooper Inds	53⅛	52⅞
CoreStates	64½	62½
Corning Inc	53½	54½
C'wide Credit	35⅝	35$^{11}/_{16}$
Crestar Finl	45½	45½
Crown Cork	50⅞	51½
Dana Corp	47½	47½
Dayton Hudson	64	61½
Deere	56½	56⅛
Delta Air Lines	99⅛	94⅛
Deluxe Corp	32⅞	33½
Digital Equip	44$^{11}/_{16}$	45⅞
Dillard Dept St	42⅛	42½
Disney (Walt)	77¼	78⅛
Dominion Res	36½	36⅞
Donnelley (RR)	39	39⅞
Dover Corp	68½	68½
Dow Chemical	88⅛	86⅝
Dow Jones	45⅝	44
Dresser	41½	41½
Duke Power	49½	49⅛
Dun & Bradstreet	28½	27⅞
Du Pont	62⅛	61⅞
Eastman Chem	60½	60½
Eastman Kodak	69½	68⅛
Eaton Corp	92½	92⅝

	Sep 8 close	Sep 5 close
Edison Intl	25¼	24¼
Elect Data Sys	37½	37½
Emerson Elec	55⅛	55¼
Engelhard Corp	21⅝	20⅞
Enron Corp	39½	39⅛
Entergy	25⅝	25½
Ethyl Corp	9	9⅛
Exxon	64½	64⅝
FMC Corp	83⅞	83⅝
FPL Group	47⅛	46¼
Federal Express	69⅛	68⅛
Fifth Third Banc	62½	62
Fleet Finl Grp	67	65⅞
Fluor Corp	56	55¼
Ford Motor	44⅛	44½
Fort James	41¼	41¼
Fortune Brands	35⅝	36⅛
Franklin Res	80	79⅞
GTE Corp	44$^{11}/_{16}$	45⅝
Gannett	98$^{11}/_{16}$	97¼
Gap Inc Del	50½	49
Gen Dynamics	83½	84⅝
Gen Electric	66⅞	66⅛
Gen Mills	65⅛	66⅛
Gen Motors	65$^{11}/_{16}$	66½
Gen Reinsurance	203½	198
Gen Signal	38$^{7}/_{16}$	44½
Genuine Parts	30⅞	30⅛
Georgia Pac	89$^{11}/_{16}$	91¼
Gillette	80⅛	81⅝
Glaxo Wellc ADR	41⅛	42⅛
Goodrich (BF)	43⅛	43
Goodyear Tire	62	62
Grt Atl Pac Tea	25$^{1}/_{16}$	25¼
Great Lakes	46¼	46¼
Halliburton	49¼	50½
Harcourt General	50	49⅞
Heinz (HJ)	43½	43½
Hercules	51½	51⅝
Hershey Foods	54⅝	53$^{11}/_{16}$
Hewlett Packard	66½	65½
Hilton Hotels	32¼	31⅞
Home Depot	50⅝	50½
Homestake Mng	13$^{11}/_{16}$	13$^{11}/_{16}$
Honeywell	69$^{11}/_{16}$	70⅛
Household Intl	115	114⅝
Houston Inds	20⅞	20⅞
Humana	23¼	24⅛
ITT Corp	62⅛	62⅛
Ikon Office	24¼	26
Illinois Tool	49½	49⅝
Illinova	23⅛	23
INCO	26⅞	27⅛
Ingersoll Rand	40⅞	40⅞
Inland Steel	22⅛	22⅛
Intel Corp	95⅞	94⅝
IBM	103	103½
Intl Flav & Fr	51⅛	51½
Intl Paper	53½	54⅛
Jhnsn & Jhnsn	57⅛	58⅛
Kellogg	46½	46$^{11}/_{16}$
Kerr-McGee	63⅛	63⅝
Kimberly-Clark	47⅝	47¼
Kmart	14½	14⅛
Knight-Ridder	52½	52¼
Lilly (Eli)	107½	107½
Limited Inc	24¼	24¼
Lincoln Nat	69¼	69
Litton	54	57½
Liz Claiborne	48½	46½
Lockheed Martin	106$^{11}/_{16}$	105⅛
Louisiana Pac	22½	22½
MCI Comm	29⅝	29⅝
Manpower Inc	43	44⅝
Marriott Intl	69¼	67⅛
Marsh & McLnn	72$^{1}/_{16}$	72⅝
Masco Corp	45½	45¼
May Dept St	55¼	56
Maytag Corp	29¼	29¼
McDonalds	46⅞	46⅛
McGraw Hill	65	63½
Mead Corp	70	70¼
Medtronic	94⅛	93⅝
Mellon Bk	55⅝	53½
Merck Inc	93½	95½
Mercury Fin	1½	1½
Merrill Lynch	64$^{11}/_{16}$	64$^{11}/_{16}$
Microsoft	130⅝	137⅛
Minnesota Mine	92⅛	91¼
Mirage Resorts	28½	28⅝
Mobil Corp	75⅞	75⅝
Monsanto	43½	44¼
Morgan (JP)	113$^{11}/_{16}$	111
Motorola Inc	76⅛	76½
Mylan Labs	23⅝	23¼
Natl Semi	40	41⅛
Natl Service Ind	44¼	44¼
Navistar Int	26¼	25⅞
NY Times A	49½	49½
Newmont Mng	41⅝	42⅛
Nike B	54	54½
NL Industries	15½	14½
Nordstrom	61½	61½
Norfolk Sthrn	98½	99⅝
Nthn State Pwr	49⅛	49⅛
Norwest Corp	60½	59$^{11}/_{16}$
Occidental Pet	24$^{11}/_{16}$	24$^{11}/_{16}$
Ohio Edison	22⅝	22⅝
Oracle	39⅞	39½
Oryx Energy Co	26⅛	26½

	Sep 8 close	Sep 5 close
Owens Corning	41$^{11}/_{16}$	41⅝
PPG Industries	65	65⅝
PMI Group	59	58$^{11}/_{16}$
PNC Bank	45⅝	44½
PP&L Res	22⅛	22⅛
Paccar Inc	50½	50½
Pacificorp	21½	21½
Pac Enterprises	33½	33⅝
Pall Corp	22⅛	23½
Parker Hannifin	43⅝	65½
Peco Energy	23¼	23½
Penney (JC)	60⅞	60⅛
Pennzoil	77⅛	77
Pepsico	38⅛	37¼
Pfizer	58⅝	58⅝
Pharm & Upjhn	35½	35½
Phelps Dodge	79½	81⅝
Philip Morris	44½	44¼
Phillips Pet	49⅛	48⅝
Pitney Bowes	79½	78⅛
Polaroid	56⅛	56½
Procter & Gmbl	133½	133½
Providian	38½	38⅝
Pub Serv E & G	24⅝	24⅞
Quaker Oats	49⅛	50⅛
Ralston Purina	92½	92½
Raychem Corp	94⅛	93½
Raytheon	58⅛	57⅝
Reebok Intl	44	44½
Reliastar Fin	77⅝	76½
Reynolds Metals	69⅞	70½
Rockwell Intl	63½	61½
Rohm & Haas	97½	97½
Royal Dutch	53½	53⅛
Rubbermaid	25⅝	25½
SBC Comms	57	57½
Safeco Corp	50⅝	51
St Paul's Cos	77½	76½
Salomon Inc	63½	62⅞
Sara Lee Corp	41½	41⅛
Schering Plough	50½	50⅝
Schlumberger	76⅛	77½
Seagram	35½	35½
Sears Roebuck	56⅞	56½
Shell Trans	42⅛	42⅛
Sherwin Wllms	28½	28½
Silicon Graphics	28½	29⅛
Snap-On-Tools	43½	43⅝
Southern Co	21½	21⅛
Southtrust	47$^{7}/_{16}$	47
Sprint Corp	46¼	46$^{11}/_{16}$
Stanley Works	43⅝	43
Sun Company	42⅛	41¼
Sun Microsys	49½	51¼
Suntrust	65½	63⅛
Supervalu	39$^{11}/_{16}$	39⅛
Synovus Fin	25⅞	25⅝
Sysco Corp	34$^{11}/_{16}$	34½
TRW Inc	55½	54$^{11}/_{16}$
TIG Hldgs	31½	31½
Tandy Corp	66¼	66¼
Temple Inland	62½	64⅛
Tenet Healthcare	29½	28⅞
Tenneco	49⅝	49½
Texaco	119½	118½
Texas Inst	124½	126⅞
Texas Utilities	35⅛	35⅛
Textron	65⅛	64$^{11}/_{16}$
Thermo Elect	39⅝	39½
Time Warner	52⅝	51½
Times-Mirror A	52⅛	51⅝
Timken	38½	38
Torchmark	39½	39⅝
Toys R Us	35⅝	35½
Transamerica	100⅛	98½
Travelers	67⅝	67½
Tribune	49½	49⅞
UST Inc	31½	31$^{11}/_{16}$
US Bancorp	88½	88⅝
UAL	78½	76½
Unitrin	62¼	62
US Inds	38½	38½
US West Comm	36½	36⅛
US West Media	20½	20⅛
USAirways Group	37½	35
USX Marathon	33⅝	33¼
Unicom	24½	23⅞
Unilever NV	212⅝	214½
Union Camp	57½	60½
Union Carbide	52⅛	51$^{11}/_{16}$
Union Pacific	63	63½
Unisys Corp	11½	11½
USF&G Corp	23⅛	23⅛
United Tech	79¼	79½
Unocal Corp	40½	39½
VF Corp	91⅛	90⅞
Wal-Mart Stores	38½	37⅝
Warner-Lambert	132$^{11}/_{16}$	130⅛
Waste Mngmt	31½	31$^{11}/_{16}$
Wells Fargo	268½	264⅞
Westinghouse El	26½	26⅛
Weyerhaeuser	55	57
Whirlpool	57⅛	57½
Whitman	25½	25⅛
Winn Dixie	35½	34¼
Witco Corp	46½	46½
Woolworth	23½	23
Wrigley (Wm) Jr	72⅛	73½
Xerox	78⅞	77⅛
Xilinx Inc	47	48½

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Taken at the flood: P&O hopes the current at the Department of Trade and Industry will prove favourable as it attempts to compete with the Channel Tunnel operators

P&O awaits the DTI tide

Fraser Nelson says the fortune of the proposed merger with Stena is bound up in the affairs of state

Life has not been kind to P&O Ferries recently. Its Dover to Calais market, once one of the biggest UK money-spinners, has been wrecked by a state-sponsored predator that trades while technically bust.

Its only escape route — joining forces with its arch-rival, Stena Line — has been blocked by painstaking government scrutiny leaving it exposed to another *summer of* brutal competition from the *Channel Tunnel.*

But now, after what is set to become the longest-running DTI inquiry of the decade, things are moving. Ministerial sources say that Margarett Beckett, President of the Board *of Trade, is preparing to give* the formal green light by the end of this month.

Today P&O is meeting officials at the Office of Fair Trading *to discuss conditions. The formula* that is likely to emerge *from the meeting is a custom*-made inflation-linked system which will, in effect, establish a recommended *retail* price system for ferry journeys.

P&O and Stena Line are also likely to be asked to give more ticketing booths and boarding space *to rivals Sea France*, Hoverspeed and Sally, and *provide other assurances to the* DTI that they will not abuse their market.

Both ferry operators are likely to agree at once. They say *their main concern is that* prices will fall through the floor *under competition from the* Channel Tunnel, and any safety net would be welcome.

Eurotunnel has proved to be the competitor from hell. It defies normal market forces. With debts of £8.76 billion and *net liabilities of £871 million it* should theoretically be dead.

The talks come as P&O's cross-Channel service is almost on its knees, having only ten years ago stood accused of being the most expensive mile-*for-mile travel in the world.*

In an attempt to fight competition from the Channel Tunnel, it reduced its peak-time return ticket to match *Le Shuttle*'s brochure price of £165 — a 58 per cent decline on last year. *The five ferries it ran from* Dover to Calais each day have *been carrying fewer and fewer* passengers. Stena Line has been suffering from the same problem.

The logic from their Dover to Calais merger is to cut three of the nine daily services and *share the administrative burden.* The new company, to be called P&O Stena Line, would run the Dover to Calais passenger service, and the freight services between Newhaven and Dieppe, and Dover and *Zeebrugge.*

By not competing, they say they will be able to run a lean, mean shuttle service that leaves Dover every 45 minutes — billing itself as a more frequent operator. Drivers, they say, will be able to pull up at any moment confident of an imminent *departure. The idea, both* insist, is to save money and not to increase ticket fees.

Analysts agree that if P&O and Stena Line were to raise prices it would amount to commercial suicide. With hard*ly any competitive advantage* beyond cheap duty-free drink, undercutting *Le Shuttle* is seen as their only option.

The DTI, however, has had reservations that the merger may concentrate too much of *the cross-Channel market in* too few hands and pave the way for a cartel between ship owners and Channel Tunnel operators.

Part of the negotiations that will take place today will be devoted to making sure the *price-fixing system* would leave them powerless to exploit such a position.

P&O has told Mrs Beckett that its problem can be solved by reducing the phenomonal costs of running a ferry. The chance to reduce its £300 million-a-year costs, it says, *would be enough to restore its* chances of competing against *Le Shuttle* without any ticket increases.

Each ship costs between £14 million and £17 million a year to run, through wages for a *swath of staff both at sea and* on land in addition to heavy maintenance, cleaning and safety costs.

If it does not have to compete against Stena Line, it could dispatch three ferries to *another operation and save* some £70 million a year. It costs little to carry passengers. Those willing to walk on are charged less than £10 to cross the Channel — an offer which has proved popular with Kent students who are able to make the *journey with the sole intention* of buying two bottles of gin. *Savings can be recouped at the* duty-free bar, and they need spend only 20 minutes on French soil.

The opportunity to offer "booze cruises" gives the ferries a disinct competitive advantage *over Le Shuttle. Yet the lucrative* duty-free market is set to be abolished in two years' time — wiping out another main subsidy for ferry fares.

It will no longer be possible to enjoy a cross-Channel drink*ing session for less money* than a night out in Ashford — and travellers *will no longer able* to use their time on the ferry to load the boot of their car with cheap beer.

This has not escaped the DTI's attention. It has been feared that, if the merger is waved *through without* any price conditions, both operators would be able to increase prices when proceeds from duty-frees vanish.

Although the signs are good, P&O is still not claiming victory. "*We think we have a* tremendous chance of getting through, but the DTI's recent decisions have surprised many people and even on the glaring industrial logic we cannot be too sure."

If the worst happens and the link-up is rejected, analysts say that *P&O will simply walk* away, phasing down over five years. One leading P&O analyst concluded: "It has no moral duty to service the Dover to Calais line."

The P&O/Stena plan is not *the most complicated merger in* the world. Changes will be made to only one route, and both companies will compete on all other cross-Channel passenger routes.

But as ferries continue to be marginalised — by both the Channel Tunnel and cheap *flights — the conditions imposed* on P&O are likely to be *used as a blueprint to judge the* consolidation in the industry that is certain to follow.

Monolithic MEPC is on the move

Carl Mortished on James Tuckey's battle to keep control of a property colossus with many critics

There must have been times last week when James Tuckey, the urbane establishment figure who heads MEPC, wished he were Nick Leslau, the amiable university dropout who runs Burford Group. For a brief period, Tuckey had entertained thoughts of buying Burford after Leslau had made known to MEPC that he would like to do a deal. Hardly stirring stuff in the rough and tumble of commercial property, but no sooner had news of the Burford talks and the subsequent takeover of PSIT been announced than Tuckey became the object of vitriolic comments such as "a move that *smacks of desperation*" and "institutions are spitting".

Four sets of takeover *talks in* six months were too many, said critics, even if the last deal, the £247 million takeover of PSIT came off without a hitch. No *one* seemed bothered that the star-studded Burford team of Leslau and Nigel Wray were hawking their company, apparently contemplating the unchallenging role of non-executive directors of MEPC.

No one doubts that Tuckey and his chairman, Lord Blakenham, are fighting a rear*guard action to keep control of* the £2 billion MEPC battle*ship. Earlier this year*, a cabal of institutions, led by the Co-operative Insurance Society, were so irritated by MEPC's poor performance that they persuaded Hammerson to propose merger talks. These *came to nought. some* say because Mercury Asset Management, one of MEPC's largest shareholders, would not play ball. More probably, they failed because Ron Spinney, Hammerson's chief executive, had the sense to fear wrecking Hammerson's recovery by paying too much for MEPC.

Is MEPC's future still on the line? Possibly, but its share price is now back at estimated current net asset value and UBS Securities is forecasting *16 per cent growth over the* next year. After all the fuss, the only takeover actually completed was one that MEPC initiated and which stayed a secret. The other deals came from elsewhere: like Hammerson, talks with Greycoat were prompted by a disgruntled shareholder, and the Burford débâcle was prompted by that firm's *restless management.*

The monolithic MEPC should now gain from recent rapid upward movement in rents. Its UK exposure is increased by adding the much-*ignored PSIT, which has a* good record of asset growth. Even the much-maligned Alban Gate, the City office development that, more than anything, made institutions round on Tuckey, may now come to the company's rescue. Let in the depths of recession at rents *in the £20 per square foot* range, the property is set for a big uplift, with City rents moving towards twice that figure.

If Tuckey felt a moment's envy for the Burford management last week, it will soon pass. There is a *life cycle in* small property companies: *from an asset base of £50 mil*lion, a talented entrepreneur can triple or quadruple a *share* price with relatively few property deals. Burford, capitalised *at almost £500 million, is at* the stage at which the deals must be much bigger to make a difference. In a hot market, such opportunities are rare and few would be surprised if the Burford *management wanted to quit at the top rather* than face the slog of turning £500 million into £1 billion. Unfortunately, the stock market thinks they have missed the boat: as MEPC's shares rose yesterday, Burford's fell below net asset value.

Tuckey's problem is differ*ent. In the long term*, all that MEPC can hope for with an unwieldy £4 billion collection of properties is an above-average performance occasionally boosted by acquiring a smaller rival. Gargantuan investment companies cannot hope to achieve the hare-like growth sprints of a Burford or an Argent, but, after last week's *events*, investors *may be con*tent that the MEPC giant tortoise has broken into a trot.

JANET BUSH

Windfall poll cheers Bank

If there is a lesson for *economists from the ex*traordinary events in *Britain over the past week, it* is that predicting people's behaviour is virtually impossible. Dramatic shifts in the way society thinks and acts are the random element that no econometric model has been able to incorporate. In the 1980s, nobody antici*pated the boom unleashed* by financial deregulation. *Now the question of how* consumers will react to building society windfalls is the great unknown.

Friday saw the latest survey by Mori, partly financed by the Bank of England, on *what recipients of free shares* have done with them, and what they intend to do with them. The broad message from the 764 people Mori reached by telephone is mildly reassuring for the Bank, which has long worried that windfalls would turn a sus*tainable rise in retail spend*ing into an unstable, and ultimately inflationary, boom.

Of the £36 billion in windfall shares, Mori estimates that around £6 billion has been spent but that a *good proportion would have* been spent anyway. The *headline numbers on shares* sold and proceeds spent are, if anything, slightly lower than the Bank feared in its baseline projections. In addition, questions about people's intentions suggest a *considerable degree of cau*tion. Of the 65 per cent of windfall shares still being held, only 5 per cent were deemed likely to be sold in the next year, with 57 per cent being held as long-term *investments, and 38 per cent* likely to be sold "if stock *market conditions* are favourable". Given huge rises in most building society shares since flotation, one has to wonder if the price will ever be right.

For many, the Mori survey *provided the first hard* evidence that the windfall phenomenon is probably largely over, that it provided a considerable one-off boost to retail sales in May and June but has not appeared *to spill over into a danger*ous over-confidence among consumers, which might have persuaded them to spend more than they realistically had at their disposal.

Windfalls always worried the Bank because they threatened spending power *on top* of considerable underlying strength in consumption because of rising incomes, a recovering housing market and a long period, under Kenneth Clarke, of low interest rates. To the extent that the windfall effect is limited in size and longevity, the Bank should be less worried.

It is worth noting that, in spite of the potential injection of *unprecedented* spending power into the economy, Britain's savings rate has remained above 10 per cent. In 1988, it fell to 4 per cent. Remember too that windfalls that are being *saved do not figure in the* national accounts, being deemed, bizarrely, to be an identical amount of wealth whether held in mutual or demutualised companies. The active choice to save windfalls provides a fascinating insight into today's *consumer psychology and* yet it does not appear in the national statistics.

Positive grist all this may be to inflation doves but windfalls cannot be dismissed entirely as a threat. There is a lot of *money saved in highly liquid* form and, even if consumers *keep their shares*, they may be tempted to splash out from disposable income, knowing they have that cushion. Let us see Christmas *holiday bookings before* becoming too complacent.

Even if the windfall threat seems less dramatic than it once was, the MPC is still left with crucial judgments on retail sales in general. It can, of course, be argued that the very fact that the *windfall effect has* been weaker than many expected is proof of how strong the underlying trend has been. In fact, the first evidence has *emerged* that sales are losing momentum under the *weight of higher interest* rates but it is early days.

Even if the economy slows, behaviour on windfalls is hard to predict. Some may liquidate their shares to maintain their spending power. *Others will be more* inclined to keep them saved as a hedge against greater economic uncertainty. Blessed will be the econometrician, or popular psychologist, who can anticipate *which will prevail.*

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novation *n.* 1 total lack of cheering or clapping (see *Synchronized Swimming*) 2 contract whereby a creditor at the request of the debtor agrees to take another person as debtor in place of the original debtor.

placing *v.* 1 a quota of flat fish 2 horses, dogs etc. in winning order (usu. foll. by *payout*) 3 act of placing shares on behalf of clients.

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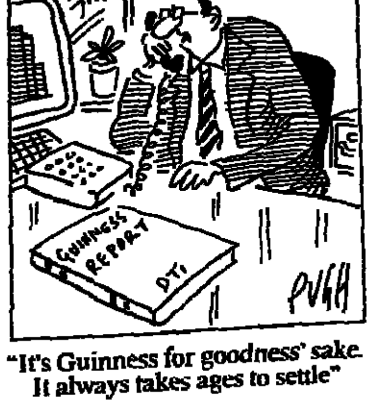
Time heals

THE rehabilitation of Jim Slater continues apace. Some of us, should the name arise, may *think* of the collapse of his Slater Walker empire. Words like "asset-stripper" *may come* to mind. Some may recall the keenness of the Singaporean Government to extradite him in 1976. Old men forget, however, and to a younger generation he is an investment guru.

Slater is hosting a brace of educa*tional conferences* shortly, in association with the worthy ProShare organisation and Barclays Bank's private stock-broking arm. Neither see anything incongruous about linking their names with Slater's, so I suppose rehabilitation must now be complete. Barclay's Justin Urquhart Stewart says: "He's built up a *reputation for someone who has been* able to be a successful investor." ProShare's Terry Bond says: "We regard what he's doing as being the correct approach for educating the private investor." Neither are taking a fee, so all the financial risk lies with Slater. The maximum turnout is about 400 people each time, in which case he would be in the money.



"It's Guinness for goodness' sake. It always takes ages to settle"

● *WHICH City institution is advertising for a load of derivatives staff? ING Barings, which wants analysts, a confirmed negotiator, whatever that is, and a supervisor. This last will "ensure that derivatives trades are processed in an accurate and timely manner, and within the policies, procedures and controls set down by the organisation". Interviews for this post will presumably be particularly gruelling. And no one called Baring need bother to apply.*

Ripe moment

THE man from Del Monte he say: When do I start? As part of a slew of signings that have gone largely unnoticed recently, Panmure Gordon has hired the chief financial officer *from the South African pineapple* peeler. Andrew Hawkins, at Charterhouse *until last year* and a brief career in the fruit trade, becomes a director of corporate finance at Panmure. This brings to six the number of senior appointments there, including two salesmen from Nomura, this month. I am told there are more to come.

THE TIMES CITY DIARY

Ruche hour

I AM impressed with the enterprise of a group of Hoare Govett types who went out last week for the stag night of Neil Collingridge, director of corporate finance, ahead of his wedding at the weekend. He was promised £400, *proceeds to cancer research*, if he travelled back by Tube from the West End to Kennington wearing a ballerina's tutu and one of those plastic pairs of false breasts they sell to tourists. He did. He was also promised a further £100 for charity if he persuaded me to write about it. And I did. But just this once.

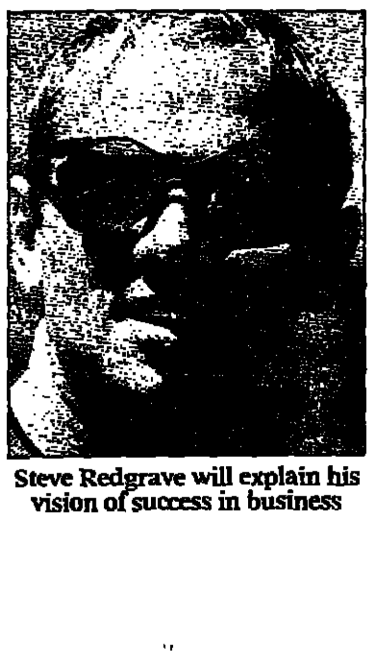
● *A JEANS manufacturer has put up posters featuring a be-jeaned female leg ending in a stiletto heel stamping firmly on a nude male torso. The headline: "Put the boot in." Very tasteful. Anyone care to speculate how long the ad would stay up if the boot were on the other foot, so to speak, and the sex roles reversed?*

Golden days

WILL CARLING *has found* a lucrative niche persuading credulous executives that success on the sports field can somehow rub off on them and be translated into success in business. Now Steve Redgrave, about the only surefire gold medallist we have still competing, is heading down the same route. The rower, who found further *success* in the Alps at the weekend in the coxless fours, has *linked up* with Galileo, a *marketing* consultancy founded by Simon Clegg, until the end of last year a managing director at Hoare Govett. (And no relation, strange coincidence notwithstanding, of the Simon Clegg who is secretary of the British Olympic Association.)

Redgrave will be addressing a *gathering of businessmen* at Henley-on-Thames next month. They are being threatened with bromides such as "last year's performance will not win this year's competition". Perhaps he will lift his game into a new league on the day, as I believe the sports commentators say. Or perhaps the businessmen will have to content themselves with meeting a real live sportsman and chatting about the *Olympics and all that. And perhaps* this will suffice.

MARTIN WALLER



Steve Redgrave will explain his vision of success in business

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	Sell	Buy	+/-	Yld %
General Acc	817.90	869.70	- 2.70	2.21
General Inc	677.30	720.50	- 2.30	2.21
UK Growth Acc	565.40	601.50	- 1.90	2.14
UK Growth Inc	361.50	384.60	- 1.20	2.14
Higher Inc Acc #	1006.00	1070.30	- 1.50	4.43
Higher Inc Inc #	527.80	561.50	- 0.80	4.43
Gilts/Fxd Int Acc	224.30	236.80	+ 0.40	5.47
Gilts/Fxd Int Inc	93.40	98.64	+ 0.19	5.47
Nth America	446.10	474.60	+ 3.40	.
Europe	449.40	479.10	+ 3.50	0.01
Brit Equity	112.90	120.20	- 0.40	2.28
Brit Fndmtls Acc	137.70	148.50		4.17
Brit Fndmtls Inc	90.86	96.66	+ 0.05	4.17
Global Opps	118.70	126.30	- 0.40	
Balanced Acc	74.52	79.28	+ 0.12	2.07
Balanced Inc	68.87	73.27	+ 0.11	2.07
Japan Acc	42.08	44.77	+ 0.15	
Pac Basin Acc	394.60	419.60	+ 9.30	1.16

ABBEY UNIT TST MGRS
0345 717 373

	Sell	Buy	+/-	Yld %
Gilts & Fixed Int	135.70	144.00†	+ 0.10	6.38
High Inc Equity	214.80	229.70	+ 0.30	4.22
Worldwide Bond	270.10	285.50†	+ 0.40	3.88
American Growth	531.80	567.70	- 1.90	0.29
Asian Pacific	330.90	353.90	+ 8.20	0.39
Assets & Earnings	337.10	360.50	- 0.20	2.59
Euro Capital Acc	242.30	259.00	+ 1.20	0.77
Extra Inc	43.77	46.56†	+ 0.02	8.44
General	309.70	329.50†	+ 0.70	2.79
Global Opps	84.07	89.44†	+ 0.60	0.45
Japan	98.19	105.00	+ 0.30	
Managed Inc	51.87	55.18†	+ 0.08	4.08
Mastertrust	193.70	206.10	+ 0.80	1.08
US Emerging Cos	224.00	239.60	+ 1.00	
Ethical	88.18	93.81	+ 0.01	1.96
International	156.10	166.10	+ 1.00	0.52
Dividend & Growth	79.15	84.20	+ 0.06	3.99
Global Gwth & Sec	77.46	82.76	+ 0.11	2.44
Latin America	99.56	105.90†	+ 1.40	0.37
Capital Reserve	150.60	150.70	+ 0.10	4.64

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	Sell	Buy	+/-	Yld %
N&P UK Growth	108.90	115.80†	- 0.50	2.07
Equity Income #	150.30	159.70†	- 0.40	3.15
Extra Income #	286.10	304.30†	- 0.40	5.99
Smaller Cos	106.40	113.10	+ 0.30	1.76
International	133.90	142.40	+ 0.20	1.29

ABERDEEN UNIT TRUST MGRS LTD
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	Sell	Buy	+/-	Yld %
American	80.68	83.87	+ 0.74	
Emerging Mkts	78.99	82.27	+ 1.53	0.04
European	175.29	182.32	+ 1.81	
Extra Income #	54.91	57.78†	- 0.12	5.16
Far East Emg Ecn	116.88	122.60	+ 3.40	0.64
Fixed Interest #	26.89	27.96†	- 0.02	8.38
Fixed Inv Tst #	166.58	174.88	- 0.17	9.78
Japan	175.70	182.54†	- 0.07	
Latin American	82.17	86.52†	- 1.81	
Pacific	77.59	81.45	+ 2.10	0.34
Property	86.11	90.39	+ 2.20	1.46
UK Emerging Cos	68.62	72.14	+ 0.49	0.78
UK Growth	66.64	69.41	- 1.19	1.24
Aber World Port #	92.40	97.25	+ 0.34	2.49
Ethical	84.69	88.08	+ 0.51	1.10
Aberdeen Gilt Inc #	50.29	50.29†	+ 0.07	7.03

ABERFORTH UNIT TRUST MGRS LTD
0131 220 0733

	Sell	Buy	+/-	Yld %
UK Small Cos	2434.00	2541.00	.	

AIRWAYS UNIT TRUST MGRS LTD
0171 256 5868

	Sell	Buy	+/-	Yld %
Resdtl Property #	108.50	115.40		4.92

ALLCHURCHES INV MGMT SVS LTD
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	Sell	Buy	+/-	Yld %
Amity Income	105.69	112.35†	+ 0.19	1.86
Income Builder Inc	92.98	98.91	- 0.34	3.55

For Allied Dunbar see Threadneedle

B & C E UNIT TRUST MGMT LTD
01293 526 911

	Sell	Buy	+/-	Yld %
Church Oil Pens	134.20	139.40		..
Foundtn Persl Pens	79.73	82.83		

BAILLIE GIFFORD & CO LTD
0131 222 4242

	Sell	Buy	+/-	Yld %
America	458.20	487.40	+ 0.90	
Bond	124.30	130.60†	+ 0.10	6.43
Brit Smlr Cos	114.80	122.10	+ 0.30	1.90
Corp & Gen #	67.38	71.68†	- 0.26	5.46
Europe	364.00	386.70	- 2.10	.
Euro Smlr Cos	134.70	143.50	+ 1.30	0.31
Income Gwth	402.10	427.80	- 0.40	4.00
Japan	323.30	342.60	- 1.50	
Latin American	122.10	129.90	+ 2.20	.
Pacific	119.90	127.50	+ 1.60	0.52
UK Smlr Cos	61.91	65.86	+ 0.03	1.29
Japan Fd	579.30	598.00	- 0.40	
Mngd Fd	242.70	258.00	- 0.90	2.45

BANK OF IRELAND FUND MGRS LTD
0171 489 8673

	Sell	Buy	+/-	Yld %
Brit & Oseas	444.30	469.90		0.78
Capital Gwth	161.10	170.40		2.45
Wwide Opps	249.40	263.80		0.83

BARCLAYS UNICORN LTD
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	Sell	Buy	+/-	Yld %
Balanced Trusts				
Gwth & Inc Inc	512.00	544.70	+ 0.80	1.54
European Bd Inc	98.25	101.80	+ 0.20	6
Exempt	101.90	108.40	+ 0.10	2.12
500	505.40	543.50†	+ 1.70	2
General	393.00	418.10	+ 0.80	1.65
Property	263.20	282.40		5.60
Trustee	275.80	293.40		1.61
Income Trusts				
Cash Inc	101.00	101.00		6.32
Distribution #	124.80	125.20†	- 0.20	5.19
Extra Income #	166.80	177.90	+ 0.30	4.22
Gilt & Fxd Int	60.94	62.83†	+ 0.08	7.41
Income #	687.30	733.20†	+ 1.30	4.15
Income Builder #	78.47	83.57†	- 0.10	4.78
Intl Income	85.55	91.01	+ 0.29	1.05
Growth Trusts - UK				
Capital	173.20	184.30†	- 0.10	1.45
FTSE 100	127.60	135.40	- 0.30	1.81
Smlr Cos Inc	59.20	63.15†	+ 0.31	2.22
UK Growth	502.20	534.20	- 1.10	1.64
Growth Trusts - Overseas				
America	232.60	246.50	- 0.70	0.11
F East Gwth Acc	290.90	309.50	+ 6.30	0.32
Far East Gwth	172.30	183.30	+ 3.70	0.32
Euro Gwth Inc	234.90	248.60†	+ 0.80	0.37
-do- Accum	257.30	272.20	+ 0.90	0.37
Japan	122.90	130.10	- 0.10	
-do- Accum	124.30	131.60	- 0.10	
Japan Spec Sits	57.97	61.41	- 0.11	
Worldwide	226.60	240.60	+ 0.70	0.56

BARING FUND MANAGERS LTD
0171 214 1004

	Sell	Buy	+/-	Yld %
American Growth	179.30	189.30	- 0.30	
Amer Smlr Cos	184.60	196.00	+ 1.50	
Eastern	289.60	304.60	+ 7.20	0.30
Equity Income #	118.00	126.00†	- 0.40	4.00
European Growth	472.60	502.80	+ 4.80	0.80
Europe	449.20	480.20	+ 4.40	0.80
German Growth	111.40	118.30	+ 0.90	0.50
Global Bond	73.16	76.96	+ 0.29	4.60
Global Growth	175.30	185.90	+ 0.70	0.40
Japan Growth	161.00	170.70	- 1.10	
Japan Sunrise	109.40	115.80	- 0.40	
Korea Trust	50.37	54.76	+ 0.02	
Portfolio	170.90	181.90†	- 0.10	2.00
-do- Accum	329.80	351.20	- 0.10	2.00
UK Growth	126.10	134.90	- 0.40	3.00
UK Smaller Cos	110.20	119.80		1.90
Select Managers	98.37	105.30	+ 0.30	1.00

BLACKSTONE FRANKS UT MGRS LTD
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	Sell	Buy	+/-	Yld %
Intl Gwth Port Inc	108.90	115.90†		
Special Oppor Inc	75.06	79.85†		.

BRITANNIA FUND MGRS LTD
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	Sell	Buy	+/-	Yld %
Balanced Growth	179.95	187.45		1.10
-do- Accum	210.60	219.30		1.10
Smaller Cos	175.91	183.24		0.39
Higher Yield #	66.88	69.67		3.74
American Gth Inc	137.78	143.52†		
European Growth	202.30	210.73†		
-do- Accum	206.63	215.21		
Mngd Ptflio Inc	63.36	66.00		1.27
-do- Accum	66.09	68.84		1.27
Intl Spec Opps	207.38	216.02		
Pacific Gth	162.44	169.21		
UK General #	121.11	126.15		2.83
-do- Accum #	133.38	138.94		2.83
Japan	50.83	52.95†		
Gilt & Fixed Int #	104.15	107.93†		7.61

BURRAGE UNIT TST MGMT LTD
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	Sell	Buy	+/-	Yld %
Short Dated Gilt	65.57	66.35	+ 0.05	6.30

CIS UNIT MANAGERS LTD
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	Sell	Buy	+/-	Yld %
Environ	207.00	217.90	- 0.30	1.56
UK Growth	257.90	272.40†	- 0.30	1.65
UK Income	176.60	185.90	0.10	3.77

CANADA LIFE MGMT (UK) LTD
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	Sell	Buy	+/-	Yld %
Can Gen Dist	273.70	290.00†	1.00	1.37
-do- Income Dist	150.10	159.10	- 0.50	3.14
-do- Accum	499.40	529.30	- 1.70	3.14
Gilt & Fxd Int	41.89	44.07†	+ 0.07	6.18
Growth Units	315.00	334.00†	- 1.00	1.75
Bond	180.70	190.00†	- 0.10	6.30
Intl Growth	257.80	274.60	- 2.40	0.17
North American	324.60	344.40†	- 1.10	
Far East	295.50	305.30	+ 9.40	0.63
UK Smaller Cos	245.30	262.30	- 0.90	1.09
European	115.20	122.60	+ 0.80	0.47
Japanese Growth	38.88	41.20		
High Income	265.90	284.00	- 1.00	3.58

CAPEL-CURE MYERS UT MGMT LTD
0161 831 7433 Enq 0161 831 7433 Dlg 0161 831 7455

	Sell	Buy	+/-	Yld %
American & Gen	285.10	301.60	+ 1.20	
European Inc	119.90	127.30†	- 1.00	0.10
Smaller Cos (4-1)	108.90	115.90†	+ 5.63	1.79
Growth	647.90	689.30†	- 3.10	1.87
Income & Growth #	545.40	580.30†	- 0.90	4.42
-do- Accum #	852.00	906.40	- 1.40	4.42
Japan & Gen	60.69	64.27	+ 0.12	
Hallmark Gwth	1450.20	1521.00	-10.00	1.52
-do- Accum	1825.00	1902.00	-14.00	1.52
Special Sits	151.30	161.00	- 0.30	1.82
High Yield	1770.00	1851.00	4.00	3.91

CAZENOVE UNIT TRUST MGMT LTD
0171 606 0708

	Sell	Buy	+/-	Yld %
Cazenove Portfolio	113.67	121.16		2.32
American Portfolio	161.24	171.10		0.72
European Portfolio	165.13	175.60	.	0.42
High Income	53.53	56.72†		6.70
Japanese Portfolio	59.45	63.02†	+ 0.17	
Pacific Portfolio	157.17	168.01	- 3.53	0.77
UK Equity	112.66	120.30		2.94
UK Equity & Bd	65.09	69.07		5.22
UK Smlr Cos	52.64	56.31†		1.69

CBF CHURCH OF ENGLAND FUNDS
0171 588 1815

	Sell	Buy	+/-	Yld %
Inv Fd Inc	650.22	903.66	- 6.67	3.84
Inv Fd Acc	910.56	923.32	- 6.77	
Fxd Int Sec Inc	158.60	159.24	- 0.27	6.98
Fxd Int Sec Acc	165.87	166.53	- 0.04	.

COIF CHARITY FUNDS
0171 588 1815

	Sell	Buy	+/-	Yld %
Investment Inc	904.90	918.58	+25.65	3.79
Investment Acc	4309.73	4374.57	-122.19	
Fixed Int Inc	137.34	137.86	- 0.53	8.60
Fixed Int Acc	255.38	256.38	+ 1.13	.

CITY FINANCIAL UT MGRS LTD
0171 407 5966

	Sell	Buy	+/-	Yld %
Beckman Intl	92.45	97.26		5.15
Beck Bio-Tech	43.65	46.17		
Acorn Ethical Tst	212.80	223.52		0.41
City Fin Assets	87.13	91.55	+ 1.63	1.91
City Fin Intl	96.22	101.13		0.06
Inves Pro Cap	347.91	370.12	+ 7.40	1.69
Buckley Wrld Grth	149.14	158.09†		
Stkr Utilities	77.42	79.31	+ 0.25	4.39

CITY OF LONDON UNIT TST MGRS LTD
0171 711 0771 Admin: 01277 227 300

	Sell	Buy	+/-	Yld %
Emerging Markets	65.45	65.42	- 0.42	

CLERICAL MEDICAL UT MGRS LTD
0345 772 233

	Sell	Buy	+/-	Yld %
American Gwth	100.90	107.34	- 0.27	.
European Growth	69.14	73.94	- 1.84	0.57
Equity High Inc	109.01	115.25†	- 0.45	3.29
-do- Accum	163.83	173.15	- 0.72	3.29
Extra Income Inc	22.93	23.40	+ 0.02	6.63

	Sell	Buy	+/-	Yld %
Extra Income Acc	32.04	33.73	+ 0.02	6.63
European Gwth	81.73	86.49	+ 0.34	0.12
Evergreen	35.74	38.22	+ 0.46	
General Equity	127.60	134.77	- 0.30	2.37
Japan Growth	41.72	44.38	+ 0.07	
Pedigree Gwth	75.85	80.26	- 0.27	1.78
Pac Sm Cos Inc	40.67	43.04	+ 0.02	1.43
-do- Accum	43.56	46.10	+ 0.02	1.43
Retirement Inc #	32.44	34.51	- 0.02	5.26
Special Sits	53.10	57.10	- 0.14	2.87
UK & Overseas	71.50	75.68	+ 0.43	0.40

COLONIAL UNIT TRUSTS (UK) LTD
01634 898 000

	Sell	Buy	+/-	Yld %
Balanced	79.80	83.12†	+ 0.33	3.72
Capital	97.97	102.05†	+ 0.08	2.16
High Income	54.49	56.76†	+ 0.06	6.52
Top 50	69.89	72.80†	- 0.05	2.21

COMMERCIAL UNION TRUST MGRS LTD
0181 888 9818
PRESTIGE PORTFOLIO (PPT FUNDS)

	Sell	Buy	+/-	Yld %
Income Funds				
Equity Inc	216.52	225.56	- 0.47	4.28
Long Gilt	47.62	49.58	+ 0.10	5.76
Monthly Inc Plus	54.50	56.78	+ 0.02	7.89
Preference Share	52.25	54.43	+ 0.06	7.18
Balanced Funds				
High Yield	156.58	163.12	- 0.23	5.49
Managed Fund	86.64	90.26	+ 0.14	2.51
UK Growth Funds				
Smaller Cos	52.30	54.48	+ 0.32	1.56
-do- Accum	62.54	65.15	+ 0.38	1.56
UK & General	118.53	123.48	- 0.41	2.28
-do- Accum	157.14	163.70	- 0.54	2.28
UK Growth	234.71	244.52	- 0.56	1.61
International Growth Funds				
Europe Growth	265.54	276.63	+ 1.29	0.49
Far Eastern Gth	131.50	136.99	+ 2.30	0.21
Global Bond	75.60	78.76	+ 0.39	6.52
Japan Growth	106.08	110.51	+ 0.15	.
North Amer Gth	305.99	318.77	- 1.34	.
Oriental Growth	82.97	86.44	+ 2.10	0.57
Worldwide Growth	84.30	87.82	+ 0.31	0.30
OTHER CU TRUSTS (NON PPT FUNDS)				
Deposit Fund	93.34	93.34	+ 0.04	6.04
Homemaker Fund	103.18	109.76	+ 0.27	1.97
Quilter Fund	175.35	186.54†	- 0.05	1.69

CONSISTENT UNIT TST MGMT CO LTD
0171 407 5966

	Sell	Buy	+/-	Yld %
Consistent UT	39.52	42.26†		2.93

COOKE (HENRY) INV FUNDS LTD
0800 526 358

	Sell	Buy	+/-	Yld %
Growth	198.40	211.10	- 0.10	1.70
Income	83.09	88.39†	- 0.45	3.89
European	93.95	99.95	- 0.15	0.14
Recovery	187.30	199.30	+ 0.60	2.07

CO-OP PENSION FDS UT MGRS LTD
0171 283 9494

	Sell	Buy	+/-	Yld %
Equity Dist	1149.00	1168.30	..	3.03

CREDIT SUISSE INV FDS (UK) LTD
01277 690 370

	Sell	Buy	+/-	Yld %
European Inc	85.45	90.73†	+ 0.44	0.25
Fellowship Tst	116.10	123.50	+ 0.10	1.10
Income #	326.70	347.50	- 0.60	3.96
-do- Accum #	888.60	945.30	- 1.50	3.96
Smaller Cos	230.40	245.10	- 0.10	0.75
-do- Accum	287.90	306.20	- 0.10	0.75
Gth Portfolio	112.80	119.90†	- 0.20	1.32
High Inc Port #	95.70	101.80†	- 0.20	4.10

DIMENSIONAL TST MGMT LTD
0171 470 1534

	Sell	Buy	+/-	Yld %
Global Sm Cos	1924.00	1946.30	.	0.53
UK Small Cos	2251.70	2341.10		2.93

DISCRETIONARY UNIT FUND MGRS
0171 377 8819

	Sell	Buy	+/-	Yld %
Disc Inc	243.70	251.20		

EAGLE STAR UNIT MGRS LTD
01242 577 555

	Sell	Buy	+/-	Yld %
UK Balanced Inc	206.70	219.80	- 0.30	1.47
UK High Inc Inc	220.00	234.00	- 0.20	3.04
-do- Accum	306.70	326.20	- 0.20	3.04
UK Prel & F I Inc	62.63	68.50	+ 0.06	5.56
Envrnmntl Opps	122.60	130.40	- 0.10	0.77
UK Smlr Cos	73.12	77.78†	+ 0.13	0.87
Extra Income Inc	52.32	55.63†	+ 0.02	6.06

EDINBURGH UNIT TST MGRS LTD
0345 090 528

	Sell	Buy	+/-	Yld %
Convertibles #	24.13	25.64†	+ 0.03	5.46
Enterprise	119.50	126.70		1.97
Equity Income #	166.90	177.30†	- 1.00	3.61
European	76.36	80.83	- 0.32	
Financial	68.65	72.94†	- 1.60	1.37
Growth & Inc #	340.38	361.60†	- 1.60	2.42
High Dist #	213.10	226.40	- 1.30	3.75
International	466.30	495.40†	+ 2.90	0.20
Intl Cap Inc	126.70	135.20	+ 0.30	2.00
Latin American	42.98	45.67†	+ 0.82	
Mngd Gwth Port	95.98	100.30		4.99
Pacific	86.95	92.38	+ 1.74	
Pref High Inc	24.31	25.83	- 0.03	6.97
Tokyo	187.88	198.40†	- 0.80	
UK Smaller Cos	246.10	261.50	- 0.50	1.15
Japan Sm Cos	311.10	329.20	+ 0.30	
Nth Amer	552.90	584.80	+ 0.90	0.50
UK Inc & Gth	307.70	328.20	- 1.50	2.26

ELY PLACE UNIT MGRS LTD
0171 242 0242

	Sell	Buy	+/-	Yld %
Brit Director Dtg	124.90	132.37	+ 0.60	0.97
Growth Acc	310.60	330.85	-22.31	0.21
Income	617.06	659.11†	+13.48	5.94

ENDURANCE FUND MGMT LTD
0171 373 7261

	Sell	Buy	+/-	Yld %
Endurance Fd	255.90	272.20		0.91

EQUITABLE UNIT TRUST MGRS LTD
01296 431 480

	Sell	Buy	+/-	Yld %
European	113.94	119.94	+ 0.20	1.33
Ethical Tst	55.96	58.91	+ 0.31	0.78
Far Eastern	297.94	313.62	+ 3.99	1.59
High Income	165.69	174.41	- 0.20	4.28
UK Index Trcking	64.34	67.73†	- 0.15	2.67
Intl Growth	157.90	166.21	+ 0.68	1.05
North American	194.20	204.42†	- 1.37	1.46
Pelican	175.56	184.80	- 0.36	2.65
Smaller Cos	72.70	78.53	+ 0.18	2.34
Special Sits	90.36	95.01†	- 2.54	3.44
Tst of Inv Tsts	239.24	251.83†	+ 1.04	1.39

EXETER FUND MANAGERS LTD
01392 412 144

	Sell	Buy	+/-	Yld %
Capital Growth	123.06	130.57	- 0.29	
Fd of Inv Tsts	58.46	62.03	+ 0.27	0.47
High Income #	40.87	43.34	- 0.09	11.54
War & Gl Opps	52.28	56.22†	+ 0.22	
Zero Preference	47.74	50.65	- 0.01	.

FAMILY INVESTMENT MGMT LTD
01273 220 707

	Sell	Buy	+/-	Yld %
Family Asset Tst	114.60	121.90	.	2.13
United Charities	338.40	359.90	+ 0.40	1.62

FIDELITY INVESTMENT SERVS LTD
Callfree: Private Clients 0800 414 161

	Sell	Buy	+/-	Yld %
Cash Fund				
Cash Fund	100.00	100.00		6.40
Bond Funds				
Intl Bond	27.05	28.05	+ 0.13	5.21
Strategic Inc	29.17	30.43†	- 0.01	5.57
Income Funds				
High Income	30.23	31.75†	+ 0.01	4.85
Income Plus	161.30	171.60†	- 0.10	3.49
European Income	61.07	64.94†	+ 0.53	2.09
Moneybuilder Gwth	37.94	38.21†	- 0.16	2.19
Equity Funds				
ASEAN	42.96	45.83	+ 1.84	
American	429.80	456.40	+ 3.70	
Amer Spec Sits	256.30	272.90	+ 2.20	
Japan Smaller Cos	23.94	25.46	- 0.12	
European	291.60	310.10	+ 2.20	0.44
European Opps	106.30	113.10	+ 0.60	0.50
Global Prtw	39.74	42.26	+ 0.66	0.39
UK Growth	146.50	155.80†	- 0.40	1.25
Growth & Inc	215.10	228.80	- 1.20	2.09
Intl PEP	59.72	63.50	- 0.05	1.09
Japan Spec Sits	76.43	81.03	+ 0.01	
Japan	180.10	190.70	+ 0.20	
Managed Intl	447.00	474.70	+ 1.10	0.57
Moneybuilder Plus	78.00	78.55	+ 0.23	0.32
Recovery	68.33	72.66	+ 0.08	1.88
South E Asia	204.30	217.50	+ 3.20	0.89
Special Sits	837.80	890.90†	+ 3.10	0.50
Specialist Funds				
Cash Accum Units	120.91	120.91	+ 0.05	6.40

FLEMING PRIVATE FUND MGMT LTD
0171 814 2700

	Sell	Buy	+/-	Yld %
Balanced #	171.30	173.40†		1.60
Finsbury Prf Inc #	104.00	104.90†	- 0.10	6.29
Cap Plano	195.40	197.10	- 0.30	0.09
General Opps	163.40	164.70		3.05
Growth Inc	44.89	45.36	- 0.19	1.63
Private Portfolio	563.30	570.10†		.09

FOREIGN & COLONIAL UNIT MGT
Dlg 01277 690 386 Admin/Val 01277 690 350

	Sell	Buy	+/-	Yld %
Euro Smlr Cos	176.50	187.70	+ 2.40	
High Income	23.36	24.84†	- 0.06	9.06
Japan Smlr Cos	14.87	16.02	+ 0.10	
US Smaller Cos	531.50	564.00	+ 4.10	

FRAMLINGTON UNIT MGMT LTD
Enq 0171 330 6500 Dealing 0345 775511

	Sell	Buy	+/-	Yld %
American Growth	103.50	109.90	+ 0.90	
-do- Accum	103.50	109.90	+ 0.90	
Amer Smlr Cos	830.00	873.60†	+11.90	
-do- Accum	837.70	892.50†	+12.20	
Capital Tst	407.30	433.30	+ 0.60	1.26
-do- Accum	601.50	639.90	+ 1.00	1.26
Contl Smlr Cos	68.19	72.89	+ 0.92	1.03
-do- Accum	73.18	78.21	+ 0.98	1.03
Convertible	144.30	153.40	- 0.10	5.38
-do- Accum	326.80	347.70		5.38
Emerging Markets	82.78	87.91	+ 3.23	0.54
-do- Accum	82.95	88.62	+ 3.27	0.54
European	188.78	199.80	+ 1.00	0.40
-do- Accum	200.60	212.50	+ 1.10	0.40
Extra Income	458.50	487.80†	- 2.10	4.02
-do- Accum	755.30	803.50†	- 3.50	4.02
Financial	230.00	244.70	+ 1.40	0.94
-do- Accum	246.40	262.10	+ 1.40	0.94
Gilt Trust	64.19	66.19	+ 0.07	7.04
-do- Accum	102.90	106.00	+ 0.10	7.04
Health Fund Inc	297.60	318.00	+ 4.30	
-do- Accum	297.60	318.00	+ 4.30	
Income & Growth	268.90	286.10	- 0.90	3.54
-do- Accum	440.00	468.10	- 1.50	3.54
Intl Growth	491.60	523.30	+ 4.60	
-do- Accum	545.90	581.00	+ 5.10	
Japan & Gen	155.20	164.70	+ 0.50	
-do- Accum	156.80	166.40	+ 0.50	
Monthly Inc #	232.10	248.00†	- 1.40	4.26
-do- Accum #	241.10	256.50†	- 0.60	4.26
Managed Port Inc	137.80	145.00	+ 0.50	1.24
-do- Accum	151.30	159.30	+ 0.40	1.24
Quarterly Income #	62.89	67.09†	- 0.19	5.07
-do- Accum #	75.34	80.62†	- 0.25	5.07
Recovery	355.20	379.90†	+ 2.30	
-do- Accum	419.30	442.40†	+ 3.40	
UK Growth	76.87	81.78	- 0.29	1.79
-do- Accum	84.94	90.36	- 0.32	1.79

FRIENDS PROVIDENT UNIT TRUSTS
Dealing 01722 715835 Enq 01722 715834

	Sell	Buy	+/-	Yld %
FP American	79.09	84.08	- 0.30	
FP Am Smlr Cos	237.70	253.50	+ 0.30	.
FP Asian Growth	274.90	293.20	+ 5.10	
FP Australian	475.50	507.20†	+ 5.70	
FP Equity Dist	546.20	582.60†	- 0.30	1.97
-do- Accum	1232.00	1314.00	- 1.00	1.97
FP Euro Gth	374.60	399.50	+ 2.30	
-do- Accum	410.30	437.60	+ 2.50	
FP Intl Bond	57.51	60.85†	- 0.01	3.94
FP Intl Gth Dist	44.66	47.63	+ 0.15	
-do- Accum	65.59	69.96	+ 0.22	
FP Pac Basin Acc	223.00	237.80	+ 2.90	
FP Income #	68.14	72.68	- 0.08	4.37
-do- Accum #	247.20	263.60	- 0.40	4.37
FP Jap Smlr Cos	218.70	233.20	+ 0.40	
FP Monthly Dist #	82.87	88.39†	- 0.02	4.61
FP Stlg Deposit	100.90	100.90	+ 0.10	6.17
FP Tokyo	76.77	81.88	+ 0.20	
FP UK Focus	51.19	54.60	- 0.05	1.38
FP UK Growth	240.40	256.40	- 0.20	1.57
-do- Accum	495.00	528.00	- 0.30	1.57
Stewardship Dist	468.90	500.10	+ 1.90	1.46
-do- Accum	596.50	636.20	+ 2.40	1.46
Stwdshp Inc Dist #	78.18	83.39†	+ 0.54	4.93
-do- Accum #	111.40	118.80	+ 0.70	4.93
N Am Stshp Dist	168.30	179.40	+ 0.50	
-do- Accum	181.20	193.10	+ 0.50	
FP Exempt Trust				
Inst Ethical In #	121.00	121.60	- 0.20	2.90
Inst Ethical Ac #	122.30	122.90	+ 0.20	2.90
FP Managed Portfolio Service				
Capital Gwth Acc	147.80	157.20	+ 0.30	0.48
Open Cap Gth Acc	150.60	160.20	+ 0.70	
Cap Gth Inc Inc #	131.60	140.00†	+ 0.30	2.64
Cap Gth Inc Acc #	142.60	151.70	+ 0.40	2.64
Opn Cp Gth Ic Ic #	136.20	144.80†	+ 0.50	3.60
Opn Cp Gth Ic Ac #	149.50	159.00	+ 0.50	3.60

GA UNIT TRUST MGRS LTD
0345 581 108/7

	Sell	Buy	+/-	Yld %
GANDA	358.00	379.80	+ 0.70	1.52
Cash	49.50	50.24†	+ 0.01	4.54
Growth Portfolio	104.80	111.50	+ 0.60	...
Income Portfolio	84.98	90.16†	+ 0.24	2.74

For GEM Dolphin see Premier PII

GT GLOBAL FUND MGMT LTD
Inv 0800 212274 Dealing 0171 026 9431

	Sell	Buy	+/-	Yld %
American Smlr Cos	269.00	287.50	+ 2.50	0.12
European Gth	877.40	932.69	+ 8.90	0.51
Euro Eq & Bd Inc	60.54	64.04	+ 0.18	3.73
-do- Accum	69.52	73.54	+ 0.21	3.73
High Yield #	52.35	55.31†	+ 0.07	7.31
-do- Accum #	61.40	64.87	+ 0.09	7.31
Income Inc	218.80	234.08		3.80
-do- Accum	258.30	276.30		3.80
Intl Growth	426.30	454.70	+ 1.20	0.27
Intl Income	112.30	118.80	- 0.20	1.99
Japan Growth	431.30	456.90	- 0.90	
Orient Acc	209.00	223.50	+ 5.80	0.13
UK General Inc	221.40	236.40†		1.67
UK General Acc	401.50	428.70		1.67
UK Sm Cos Div Acc	64.47	68.96	+ 0.04	1.69
UK Spec Sits	117.20	125.40	- 0.10	1.31
US Growth	243.90	257.80	- 0.70	
Wwide Spec Sits	196.00	208.40	+ 2.60	

GARTMORE FUND MANAGERS
0171 782 2000 Dlgs only: 01277 264 421

	Sell	Buy	+/-	Yld %
UK Growth Funds				
British Growth	68.95	73.72†	+ 0.41	1.89
Practical Inv Inc #	139.06	148.72	+ 0.50	3.23
-do- Accum #	337.96	361.45	+ 1.19	3.23
UK Index	215.51	216.59†	- 0.51	2.85
UK Smaller Cos	233.96	250.22	+ 1.14	0.39
Income Funds				
Extra Yield	25.58	26.51†	+ 0.02	7.05
High Income	40.23	42.80†	+ 0.15	3.54
UK Growth & Inc	186.70	199.67†	+ 0.65	1.92
Global Bond	28.81	29.88	+ 0.15	4.69
International Funds				
Emerging Markets	54.18	57.93	+ 1.12	
Global Managed	167.97	178.31	+ 0.85	1.02
Gold & Intl Res	104.60	111.87†	+ 0.04	
Global Utilities	175.62	187.77†	+ 2.33	0.81
Overseas Funds				
American	256.25	271.31	+ 1.16	0.38
European	169.37	180.18	+ 0.31	0.48
Euro Sel Opps	266.10	283.64†	+ 1.55	
Amer Emerging	211.56	225.02	+ 2.19	
Hong Kong	237.86	254.56	+ 7.09	0.74
Japan	201.15	212.92	- 0.50	.
Pacific Growth	221.22	237.48	+ 4.67	.
Gartmore Pensions Strategy Funds				
Managed Equity	297.26	297.26	- 0.05	1.62
Long Term Bal	316.25	316.35	+ 0.01	2.49
Med Term Bal	255.61	255.61	- 0.08	2.71
UK Equity	364.10	364.10	- 1.01	2.04
UK Emerging Cos	187.61	187.61	+ 0.49	2.20
American	427.50	427.50†	+ 0.71	0.31
Japan	117.79	117.79†	- 0.23	
European	441.65	441.65†	+ 0.63	0.59
Index Linked Gilt	197.02	197.02†	+ 0.24	2.65
Fixed Interest	194.57	194.57†	+ 0.29	6.92
Amer Emerging	458.31	458.31	+ 4.59	
Pacific	209.88	209.88	+ 4.49	1.04
Emerging Mkts	153.29	153.29†	+ 1.92	0.68
Index Strat Japan	123.50	123.50†	- 0.07	0.25
-do- Pacific Bin	196.37	196.37†	+ 5.47	1.23
-do- Cont Europe	237.68	237.68†	+ 1.11	1.24
Index Strat USA	257.60	257.60†	+ 0.28	1.13
Gartmore Personal Pension Funds				
Managed Equity	140.52	149.49	- 0.02	
Med Term Bal	122.46	130.28	- 0.04	
Cash Trust	152.36	152.36†	+ 0.03	6.43
Long Term Bal	142.90	152.02	+ 0.01	
UK Equity	169.78	180.61	- 0.51	.
UK Emerging Cos	86.02	91.51	+ 0.24	
American	198.63	211.30	+ 0.35	
Japan	56.37	59.97	- 0.11	
European	183.95	195.69	+ 0.28	.
Fixed Interest	100.77	107.20	+ 0.16	
Index Linked Gilt	87.87	93.47	+ 0.11	
Deposit	92.15	98.03	+ 0.04	.
Broker Unit Trusts				
BWH Intl	172.16	181.22†	+ 0.68	0.47

GLOBAL ASSET MANAGEMENT
GAM Sterling Management 0171 493 9990

	Sell	Buy	+/-	Yld %
Stlg & Intl Inc	779.99	829.78		0.20
-do- Accum	885.37	941.88		0.20
European Inc	212.96	226.06		0.52
Amalgam Inc	182.39	194.03		
N America Inc	514.26	547.09		..
Far East Inc	352.67	375.18	.	0.34
-do- Accum	366.04	389.40		0.34
UK Dwld Inc	237.56	252.71	.	0.73

GOVETT (JOHN) UNIT MGMT LTD
0171 378 7979 Dealing: 0171 407 7888

	Sell	Buy	+/-	Yld %
Protected Funds				
UK Safeguard	137.45	146.48†	+ 0.19	
Do NAV to Jun 20	129.82	129.82		
UK Equity Safeguard	107.56	115.03	+ 0.30	2.47
Do NAV to Sep 19	101.73	101.73		
Cash	954.92	958.69†	.	5.75
UK Growth Funds				
UK Equity Gen	354.30	376.90†		1.74
British Growth	82.41	88.13	- 0.10	1.43
UK Small Cos	75.15	80.37†	+ 0.20	0.49
FTSE 250 Index	96.59	103.30	+ 0.40	2.11
Geared UK Index	2241.61	2366.42†	- 9.00	5.25
Income Funds				
UK Equity Inc #	111.10	118.81†		4.24
Corp Bd	78.18	80.76	+ 0.14	
Monthly Inc	42.09	44.87†	+ 0.10	8.54
International Funds				
American Gen	307.40	325.30	- 0.70	.
American Strat	269.96	288.71	+ 2.60	. .
JG US Index	2540.62	2466.24†		4.00
European Gen	331.90	351.20	+ 0.20	0.64
European Strat	145.58	155.69	+ 1.30	
Japan Gen	136.50	144.40	- 0.10	.
Japan Strat	45.78	48.76	- 0.10	
Asia Pacific	94.24	100.78	+ 2.21	
Pacific Strat	160.70	171.86	+ 3.00	
Greater China	310.79	332.39	+ 5.00	.
Latin America	130.82	139.90	+ 1.60	
Intl Growth	184.62	197.45	+ 1.80	
Balanced Exempt	156.00	161.60		2.26
Global Strategy	51.88	55.48	- 1.20	

GUARDIAN UT MGRS LTD
0171 538 9688

	Sell	Buy	+/-	Yld %
European	720.70	769.90		
Gilt & Fixed	135.70	143.90†		5.28
Growth Equity	509.70	544.50		0.94
Income Trust	178.00	190.10		3.60
International	237.00	253.10		
Japan Trust	113.50	121.20		..
Nth American	460.30	491.60		
Pacific	531.50	567.80		0.02
Guardhill	724.60	774.10†		0.86

GUINNESS FLIGHT UT MGRS LTD
0171 522 2129

	Sell	Buy	+/-	Yld %
European Bond	98.98	102.73†	+ 1.14	5.14
Global High Inc	96.87	100.56	+ 0.69	5.47
Stlg Bond Ptfo	110.27	114.44	+ 0.22	6.54
Cast Mgd Ptfo	128.27	136.38	- 0.10	4.77
European Ptfo	158.19	168.20	+ 1.20	.
World Mkts Ptfo	85.70	91.12	+ 0.42	0.69
UK Eq Inc Ptfo	166.48	177.01†	- 0.29	3.21
-do- Accum	252.15	268.10	- 0.45	3.21
Recovery	474.10	504.10	+ 1.10	2.93
-do- Accum	570.50	606.60	+ 1.20	2.93
St Vinc High Inc	139.57	141.66†	+ 0.43	6.89
UK Emerg Cos	293.60	312.20	-14.40	2.92
Inst UK Sm Co	401.10	408.20	+ 2.00	3.20
Glob Prtw Tst	154.00	163.74	+ 1.56	0.61
-do- Accum	160.12	170.25	+ 1.62	0.61
Inc Share Tst	97.53	103.70†	- 0.12	8.26
Small Cos	97.92	104.10†	- 0.55	1.79
HK & China Tst	112.48	119.60	+ 2.62	

HALIFAX UT MGMT LTD
Dealing: 0171 220 5050

	Sell	Buy	+/-	Yld %
Balanced Inc	63.09	66.90†	- 0.38	2.95
Balanced Acc	68.82	72.97	- 0.42	2.95
Growth	39.45	41.83†	- 0.24	1.66
Growth Acc	41.50	44.00	- 0.25	1.66
Income	37.29	39.54†	- 0.12	3.93
Income Acc	41.35	43.34	- 0.13	3.63
Dealing: 01904 611110				
Accumulation Tst	33.04	35.60	- 0.22	2.63

HAMBROS UNIT TRUST MGRS LTD
Enquiries: 01277 227 300 Dealing: 01277 690 390

	Sell	Buy	+/-	Yld %
High Provider	102.80	106.29†		6.45
Model Ptflio	289.90	304.00	- 1.10	1.61

HARGREAVES LANSDOWN FUND MGRS LTD
Enquiries: 01277 690 230 Dealing: 01277 690 412

	Sell	Buy	+/-	Yld %
UK Port Acc	50.74	53.84	+ 0.28	2.82

HENDERSON INVESTORS
Enquiries: 0845 494349 Dealing: 0845 464646

	Sell	Buy	+/-	Yld %
UK Funds				
UK Enterprise	394.29	421.83†	- 0.05	0.61
Best of British	86.61	92.27	- 0.11	2.16
UK Smaller Cos	158.49	170.36†	+ 0.67	1.03
High Income Funds				
Income & Growth #	366.56	390.36	- 1.24	2.97
-do- Accum #	1065.54	1134.75	- 3.67	2.97
High Income	401.22	423.83†	- 1.27	3.79
Extra Income #	328.35	349.79†	- 0.25	6.02
Pref & Bond	52.29	54.04†	- 0.02	9.50
International				
Ethical	135.79	145.22†	- 0.50	1.44
International	379.43	402.94	+ 7.84	
Global Bond	54.54	57.41†	- 0.23	5.32
Intl Port Tst	111.72	119.48	+ 2.50	0.17
Global Tech	294.35	302.90	+ 3.58	
Overseas Funds				
Asian Enterprise	193.49	206.90	+ 4.27	
European	782.66	836.05	+ 3.52	0.11
European Income #	109.56	116.14†	- 0.62	3.35
Euro Smlr Cos	229.57	245.84	+ 2.47	0.36
European Value	115.03	122.56	+ 1.22	
-do- Accum	124.22	132.35	+ 1.43	
Japan Trust	178.15	189.56†	- 0.60	
Japan Smlr Cos	151.73	161.34	- 0.01	
Pacific Smlr Cos	226.36	241.15	+ 6.78	3.04
North American	418.73	443.26	+ 0.44	
American Smaller	224.60	235.91	+ 2.23	

HIGH PEAK UNIT TRUST MGMT LTD
Enquiries: 01277 227 300 Dealing: 01277 261 010

	Sell	Buy	+/-	Yld %
Income & Growth #	176.90	186.30†	- 1.43	4.97

HILL SAMUEL UNIT TST MGRS
0181 686 4355

	Sell	Buy	+/-	Yld %
British	150.55	157.65	- 0.82	1.46
Capital	235.61	246.71†	- 0.02	1.12
Dollar	644.12	674.47	- 1.14	
Enterprise Gth	485.68	508.56†	- 2.97	0.61
European	345.41	361.63	- 2.53	
Far East	284.75	298.17	+ 7.38	0.52
Financial	1354.10	1417.93	- 1.80	1.76
Gilt & Fxd Int Inc	27.67	28.78†	- 0.05	6.43
High Yield #	133.43	139.72	- 0.49	4.27
Income & Growth #	230.06	233.49	- 0.32	3.15
International	339.49	355.49†	+ 1.26	0.25
Japanese General	175.10	183.35	+ 0.16	
Japan Tech	82.86	86.76	+ 2.26	
Nat Resources	77.24	80.88	+ 0.42	0.47
Portfolio	95.45	99.95	- 0.12	1.77
Special Sits	237.65	248.85†	+ 1.08	0.23
UK Emerging Cos	131.65	137.86	+ 2.16	1.13
US Smaller Cos	194.49	203.66	+ 1.66	

HSBC UNIT TRUST MGMT LTD
Advisers 0800 181 890 Investors 0800 289 505

	Sell	Buy	+/-	Yld %
Active Funds-UK				
Income #	771.20	822.00†	- 2.10	4.65
UK Growth	934.70	990.80	- 2.80	1.67
High Income #	135.80	144.90†	- 0.10	5.48
Active Funds-International				
American Gwth	805.60	851.00	+ 0.60	..
European Gwth	195.80	209.20	- 0.30	0.22
Japan Gwth	260.50	276.80	- 0.40	
Japan Smllr Cos	25.00	26.68	+ 0.05	
Asean	59.81	63.83	+ 1.61	2.19
Sing & Malay Gwth	68.17	72.75	+ 2.98	
Hong Kong Gwth	242.00	258.20	+ 7.90	0.12
Global Bond	21.49	22.64	- 0.12	4.51
Index Funds-UK				
UK Index	204.00	205.00	- 0.50	2.61
Trove Index	136.10	139.70†	- 0.40	2.56
THE FOOTSIE FUND	82.75	83.17	- 0.38	2.38
Index Funds-International				
American Index	386.30	388.20	+ 0.50	0.59
Eurotrack 100	249.60	250.90	+ 2.80	0.99
Japan Index	65.33	65.72	- 0.02	0.16
Tiger Index	156.20	159.90†	+ 5.70	0.67

INVESCO FUND MANAGERS LTD
0171 626 5434 Dealing: 0800 010 733

	Sell	Buy	+/-	Yld %
UK Specialist Trusts				
UK Smaller Cos	52.52	54.85†	- 0.31	1.59
General Funds				
Managed Dist	101.20	105.70	+ 0.30	1.02
Managed	104.50	109.60	- 0.30	1.02
Rupert Child Fnd	130.20	135.80	- 0.50	1.45
UK Growth	84.22	87.96	- 0.28	1.25
High Income Funds				
UK Extra Inc #	101.30	105.80†	- 0.30	5.07
Gilt & Fixed Int #	28.14	29.08	+ 0.03	7.50
UK Inc & Gwth	58.25	60.84	- 0.22	2.55
UK Income #	447.60	467.50		4.02
Overseas Growth Funds				
American Growth	81.68	84.52†	+ 0.29	.
Amer Smlr Cos	208.00	216.50	+ 2.80	
-do- Accum	210.20	218.70	+ 2.80	
Europe Gth	293.00	305.80†	+ 0.50	.
-do- Accum	303.50	316.70†	+ 0.40	..
Euro Smaller Cos	52.04	55.12	+ 0.56	
French Growth	113.10	117.40	+ 0.80	0.03
-do- Accum	132.40	137.10	+ 0.80	0.03
H Kong & China	160.40	167.10	+ 4.50	0.19
Intl Growth	80.38	83.75	+ 0.31	0.38
-do- Accum	81.90	85.33	+ 0.32	0.38
Japan Gth	25.50	26.58	- 0.10	
-do- Accum	25.50	26.58	- 0.10	...
Japan Smaller Cos	25.58	26.70†	- 0.09	..
Glob Emg Mkts	111.30	116.20	+ 2.30	
-do- Accum	112.10	117.10	+ 2.30	
SE Asia	342.10	357.30	+11.40	..
Overseas Income Funds				
Intl Bond #	50.49	52.07†	+ 0.28	6.29

JOHNSON FRY UNIT TRUST MGRS LTD
Enq 01277 227300 Dealing 01277 690446

	Sell	Buy	+/-	Yld %
UK Income #	130.70	138.30	- 0.20	2.05
UK Growth	135.00	142.90	..	1.48
Euro Growth	118.30	123.70	- 0.50	1.88
Slater Gwth	209.80	223.80	+ 1.80	0.90
New Japan	68.90	72.76	+ 0.34	

JUPITER UT MGRS LTD
0171 581 3020

	Sell	Buy	+/-	Yld %
World Health	214.90	228.50	+ 1.50	
Income #	256.58	272.95	+ 0.73	3.80
UK Growth	95.65	101.75	+ 0.18	1.82
Intl Growth	98.77	105.07†	+ 0.46	0.53
Ecology	113.74	120.99	+ 0.40	0.72
European	247.42	263.15	+ 3.12	0.19
Far Eastern	329.60	350.63	+6.100	
UK Special Sits	62.86	67.03	+ 0.32	0.36
Fd of Inv Tsts	60.82	64.87	+ 0.29	0.52
High Income #	58.71	62.62	- 0.06	4.47
Financial Opps	49.81	53.14	+ 0.08	

KLEINWORT BENSON UNIT TRUSTS
Dealers: 0171 956 7354

	Sell	Buy	+/-	Yld %
Income Trusts				
Bond Income	104.50	107.90†	+ 0.10	6.57
Euro Priv Inc	126.60	134.70†	+ 0.80	2.75
-do- Accum	126.90	135.00†	+ 0.90	2.75
Gilt Yield	122.40	139.20†	.	8.96
Global Income	268.10	285.20†	+ 0.50	2.81
High Yield	193.80	206.30†	- 1.30	4.52
-do- Accum	660.00	702.10†	- 4.30	4.52
Money Market	101.16	101.16†	+ 0.04	6.49
Smllr Cos Div	65.38	69.55†	+ 0.12	3.72
Tomorrows Co Ex Acc	1124.00	1142.00	- 8.00	3.40
Capital Growth Trusts				
Amer Smllr Cos	201.10	213.90	+ 0.60	
Asian Growth	294.60	313.40	+ 6.70	
-do- Accum	346.20	368.30	+ 7.90	
North American	141.20	150.10	+ 0.40	.
European Special	158.40	168.50	+ 0.10	
European	222.50	236.70	- 0.30	0.54
-do- Accum	295.90	314.80	- 0.50	0.54
Global Eqty Inc	140.50	149.20†	- 0.10	1.52
Japan	367.80	391.30	- 0.80	.
Japanese Special	180.40	191.90	- 0.40	
Smaller Cos	155.70	165.60	+ 0.30	0.94
UK Equity Growth	61.62	65.55†	- 0.37	1.09
UK Index Inc	409.70	411.80	- 2.30	3.22
Birchcon Tst	119.00	127.80†	+ 0.30	1.49
-do- Accum	121.80	130.90†	+ 1.10	1.49

LAURENCE KEEN UNIT TRUST MGMT
0171 407 5966

	Sell	Buy	+/-	Yld %
Bridge Income	368.01	391.50	- 1.48	4.22
Esk Growth	114.45	121.76		1.23
Inc & Growth	81.16	86.34	- 0.20	3.48
Smaller Cos	102.08	108.60	+ 0.33	1.16
Ever Spec Sit Inc	62.19	66.16	+ 0.40	1.74
Ever Spec Sit Acc	65.26	68.43	+ 0.43	1.74

LAZARD UNIT TST MGRS LTD
01277 690 432

	Sell	Buy	+/-	Yld %
UK Cap	546.90	580.30†	- 0.70	1.50
UK Inc/Gth #	578.60	613.90†	- 1.80	3.12
UK Income #	406.00	430.80†	- 1.20	3.98
UK Sm Cos	310.50	332.10†	+ 0.80	1.77
Euro Gwth	192.90	204.70	+ 1.00	0.14
N Amer Gwth	158.80	168.50	+ 0.50	
Pacific Growth	10.98	11.63	+ 0.30	0.40
Eng Mkts Gwth	91.23	96.80	+ 2.09	
Japan Growth	52.63	55.84	+ 0.16	
Dealing: 01277 842626				
Gwth Port Inc	80.96	85.62†	+ 0.34	0.62
Gwth Port Acc	82.70	87.46†	+ 0.35	0.61
Inc Port Inc	72.67	76.70†	+ 0.31	3.56
Inc Port Acc	83.33	87.95†	+ 0.36	3.46
Wwide Port	66.38	70.20	+ 0.16	.

LEGAL & GENERAL (UT MGRS) LTD
Enquiries 01222 448412 Dealing: 01222 683512

	Sell	Buy	+/-	Yld %
Equity Dist	708.90	708.90	- 2.30	2.08
-do- Accum	1500.00	1500.00	- 4.00	2.08
Equity Income #	118.70	118.70†	- 0.20	4.64
UK Tactical Allocn	82.39	82.39†	- 1.24	4.93
European	180.40	180.40†	+ 1.80	
Far Eastern	223.40	223.40	+ 3.30	
Fixed Interest	56.88	58.86†	- 0.68	7.51
Gilt	96.05	96.05	+ 0.14	6.06
Global Growth	90.78	90.78	+ 0.62	
Intl Bond	49.88	49.88†	+ 0.23	4.89
Japanese	64.50	64.50	- 0.02	.
North American	287.90	287.90	+ 0.40	
Pacific Growth	122.50	122.50	+ 2.70	0.07
Pacific Index	46.83	46.83	+ 1.43	1.99
UK Index	93.86	93.86	- 0.24	2.57
UK Recovery	130.60	130.60	- 0.20	1.42
UK Smaller Cos	170.70	170.70†	+ 0.30	1.21
US Index	113.00	113.00	+ 0.10	0.71
European Index	114.10	114.10†	+ 0.50	0.91
Japan Index	33.61	33.61	+ 0.02	
Worldwide	113.20	113.20	- 0.20	1.22

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01452 371 500 Dealing: 01452 371 623

	Sell	Buy	+/-	Yld %
Growth	68.11	72.84	- 0.13	2.01
Income	79.58	85.11	- 0.29	3.70
Far East	44.76	47.87	+ 0.62	
North American	170.90	182.10	+ 1.10	
Global	104.00	111.10	+ 1.00	0.29
European	125.00	135.50	- 0.40	0.80
Japan	82.65	88.11†	+ 0.11	
Intl Currency Bd	57.96	61.42	+ 0.26	5.22
SE Asia	93.62	100.10	+ 2.04	0.43
UK Cap Growth	123.20	131.70	- 0.20	1.26
Recovery Trust	104.00	111.20	+ 0.50	1.81
Managed	80.33	85.91†	- 0.28	1.52
Cash	51.27	51.27	+ 0.02	6.45

LLOYDS BK UNIT TST MGRS LTD
Helpdesk: 01634 834 339 Dealing: 01634 834 313

	Sell	Buy	+/-	Yld %
Balanced	495.50	527.20	- 1.00	1.94
-do- Accum	1195.00	1272.00	- 3.00	1.94
Contl Euro Gth	98.31	103.50	- 0.50	0.05
-do- Accum	106.50	112.20	+ 0.70	0.05
Extra Inc #	346.00	368.10	- 2.40	3.56
Extra Inc Acc #	980.40	1043.00	- 8.00	3.56
FTSE 100 Inc	153.30	163.10†	- 0.30	1.98
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German Gth	175.20	184.50	+ 1.40	
-do- Accum	182.70	193.40	+ 1.40	
Growth Port	769.90	819.10	- 0.50	0.10
-do- Accum	802.30	853.60	- 0.60	0.10
High Interest Inc	105.20	109.10†	- 1.40	7.17
High Interest Acc	118.30	122.60	+ 0.10	7.17
Hi Reserve Inc #	119.20	126.90†		5.62
Hi Reserve Acc #	136.20	144.90		5.62
Income Inc #	685.90	729.70	+ 6.70	3.04
Income Acc #	1999.00	2117.00	+19.00	3.04
Income Port	653.70	695.50†	- 0.50	3.95
-do- Accum	758.90	807.40	- 0.50	3.95
Japan Growth	89.25	94.95	+ 0.06	
-do- Accum	89.57	95.29	+ 0.07	
Master Trust	76.42	81.39	+ 0.04	1.07
-do- Accum	89.87	95.61	+ 0.05	1.07
UK Recovery Acc	113.70	120.40		2.01
N American Gen	319.60	340.00	- 0.50	
-do- Accum	369.90	393.60	- 0.40	
NAm Sm Co Acc	235.30	250.40	- 0.90	
-do- Accum	240.10	255.50	- 1.00	
Pacific Basin	234.70	249.70	+ 5.00	0.87
-do- Accum	250.20	266.30	+ 5.30	0.87
Safety First Acc	109.20	115.00	- 0.10	1.98
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Small Cos Acc	544.00	572.70	+ 2.20	1.95
-do- Accum	757.50	797.40	+ 3.20	1.95
UK Eq Gth	202.70	215.70	+ 2.00	2.21
UK Eq Inc #	160.00	170.30	- 0.30	3.63
UK Growth	127.20	135.40†	+ 1.30	1.62
-do- Accum	162.40	172.80	+ 1.60	1.62
Worldwide Gth	415.00	441.50	+ 4.00	0.37
-do- Accum	614.00	652.20	+ 6.00	0.37

LONDON & MANCHESTER TST MGMT
01392 282 673

	Sell	Buy	+/-	Yld %
American	115.65	123.62	- 0.25	0.30
General	130.30	139.83	- 0.15	2.20
Income	85.80	92.06†	- 0.16	4.50
International	83.65	89.75	+ 0.37	0.30
Japan	51.79	55.41†	- 0.12	
Tst of Inv Trusts	85.76	92.07	+ 0.35	0.90

M & G SECURITIES
Cust Svcs/Unit Dlg: 01245 390 390

	Sell	Buy	+/-	Yld %
Amer & General	679.10	716.90†	- 0.60	0.19
-do- Accum	851.50	898.90†	- 0.85	0.19
Amer Recovery	857.90	907.20	+ 2.90	
-do- Accum	992.20	1049.20	+ 3.40	..
Amer Smlr Cos	198.90	210.30	+ 2.30	
-do- Accum	203.20	214.80	+ 2.30	
Australasian	227.80	240.90†	+ 1.70	1.99
-do- Accum	291.40	308.10†	+ 2.10	1.99
Capital	1053.20	1113.80†	- 2.90	2.75
-do- Accum	1288.80	1363.00†	- 3.40	2.75
Charifund	905.10	914.20†	- 3.40	5.25
-do- Accum	4906.10	4955.20†	-34.10	5.25
Commodity	475.30	502.60†	- 1.60	0.54
-do- Accum	704.30	744.60†	- 2.40	0.54
Compound Gth	1269.50	1342.60	- 4.20	2.66
-do- Accum	1419.60	1501.40	- 4.60	2.66
Corporate Bond	27.73	27.92	+ 0.03	6.70
Dividend	51.10	54.00	- 0.10	4.40
-do- Accum	235.40	249.20	- 0.40	4.40
Equity Income	356.40	376.90†	+ 0.70	5.29
-do- Accum	516.40	546.20†	+ 1.00	5.29
Euro & General	767.40	811.50	- 0.30	0.50
-do- Accum	990.50	1047.40	- 0.40	0.50
Euro Dividend	93.90	99.30	+ 0.10	3.33
-do- Accum	123.00	130.10	+ 0.10	3.33
Euro Smlr Cos	60.60	64.10	+ 0.50	0.50
-do- Accum	60.80	64.30	+ 0.50	0.50
Extra Yield	528.90	559.30†	- 2.90	4.95
-do- Accum	1865.10	1972.40†	- 7.30	4.95
Fund of Inv Tsts	772.20	816.80	+ 2.70	1.32
-do- Accum	1506.50	1593.10	+ 5.30	1.32
General	82.80	87.60	- 0.30	3.37
-do- Accum	251.60	266.30	- 0.90	3.37
Gilt Income	65.52	65.62†	- 0.01	6.20
-do- Accum	209.78	210.12†	- 0.02	6.20
Gold	56.50	59.80	- 0.30	0.90
-do- Accum	68.10	72.10	- 0.40	0.90
High Income	38.40	40.60	- 0.20	4.36
-do- Accum	170.80	180.70	- 0.70	4.36
Intl Growth	98.30	104.00†		0.63
-do- Accum	175.10	185.30†		0.63
International Inc	129.70	137.20	+ 0.30	3.85
-do- Accum	210.90	223.10	+ 0.50	3.85
Japan & Gen	32.60	34.40	- 0.30	..
-do- Accum	35.00	36.90	- 0.20	..
Japan Smlr Cos	109.60	115.90		
-do- Accum	110.40	116.70		.
Managed Gwth	29.70	31.30	...	1.40
Managed Income	33.40	35.10†		4.10
Midland	62.60	66.20	+ 0.20	3.10
-do- Accum	222.80	235.70	+ 0.70	3.10
Pension Ex	1251.30	1282.60	- 4.80	3.63
Recovery	52.70	55.70	- 0.10	2.77
-do- Accum	92.80	98.20	- 0.20	2.77
Second General	82.10	86.80	+ 0.10	3.87
-do- Accum	230.10	243.40	+ 0.30	3.87
Smaller Cos	65.10	68.80†	+ 0.20	3.12
-do- Accum	138.30	146.40†	+ 0.50	3.12
Sth East Asia	376.90	398.60†	+11.80	1.31
-do- Accum	510.00	539.40†	+16.00	1.31
Treasury	25.12	25.17†	.	6.59
Trustee	50.00	52.90	.	4.73
-do- Accum	221.80	234.80		4.73

MGM UNIT MANAGERS LTD
Dealing: 01277 261 010 Enq: 01903 204 631

	Sell	Buy	+/-	Yld %
European Growth	130.74	139.08	+ 0.69	0.54
Intl Bond	63.50	66.70	+ 0.07	3.53
Intl Equity Growth	99.92	106.14	+ 0.43	0.47
N Amer Growth	173.62	184.36†	- 0.39	0.59
Special Sits Growth	33.15	35.26†	+ 0.01	2.08
UK Growth	564.94	590.38	- 0.03	2.42
-do- Accum	774.09	823.50	- 0.28	2.42

MW JOINT INVESTORS LTD
01620 825867

	Sell	Buy	+/-	Yld %
Balanced Fd #	1565.80	1567.50		2.70
Income #	1162.50	1180.40		4.30

MALDON UNIT TRUST MGRS LTD
0131 222 4242

	Sell	Buy	+/-	Yld %
Maldon General	186.30	190.60	.	3.63

MARKS & SPENCER UNIT TRUST LTD
0800 363432

	Sell	Buy	+/-	Yld %
High Inc #	100.90	104.00†	- 0.20	6.39
M & S Inv Ptflio	208.30	212.70	- 0.50	1.99
-do- Accum	250.00	257.70	- 0.70	1.99
UK Sel Ptflio	189.40	195.30	- 1.20	2.02
-do- Accum	233.00	240.30	- 1.50	2.02
UK 100 Cos	145.60	145.60†	- 1.20	2.31
-do- Accum	152.60	152.60†	- 1.20	2.31

MARLBOROUGH FUND MGRS LTD
01204 364 842

	Sell	Buy	+/-	Yld %
Managed Tst	75.42	80.23		3.12

MARTIN CURRIE UNIT TRUSTS LTD
0131 479 4646

	Sell	Buy	+/-	Yld %
Intl Income	98.82	104.90†	+ 0.40	3.38
European	125.50	133.20	+ 0.90	0.34
Income #	99.01	105.10†	+ 0.20	4.19
Nth American	128.20	136.10	+ 0.20	0.09
Far East	187.30	198.80	+ 0.80	
Japan	63.05	66.93		
Emging Mkts	103.40	110.80	+ 1.30	0.41
Intl Growth	159.40	169.20	+ 1.10	0.38
UK Growth	144.30	153.20	+ 0.30	2.46
UK Smlr Co	65.10	69.11	+ 0.38	1.85
Asia Pacific	38.45	41.12	+ 0.40	0.70
Glob Gwth PEP	76.07	80.75	+ 0.36	0.56

MATHESON UNIT TRUSTS LTD
0161 831 7433

	Sell	Buy	+/-	Yld %
Select Portfolio	116.10	123.60	+ 1.10	

MAYFLOWER MANAGEMENT CO LTD
0171 407 5966

	Sell	Buy	+/-	Yld %
Income	555.55	591.01†	- 1.86	3.18
Global Inc	87.56	93.15†	+ 0.02	2.68
Bal Leaders Inc	439.19	467.22†	- 1.66	1.77
Intl Leaders	289.55	308.03†	+ 0.69	0.88
P&M Mg Bal Gth	77.45	80.64†	+ 0.71	0.33

MERCURY FUND MANAGERS LTD
Dealing: 0800 445522

	Sell	Buy	+/-	Yld %
American	364.40	373.40	- 0.10	
-do- Accum	379.00	399.30	- 0.10	
American Opps	146.80	155.60	+0.600	
-do- Accum	148.60	157.80	+0.700	
British Blue Chip	119.60	126.90	- 0.10	2.37
-do- Accum	155.90	165.50	- 0.10	2.37
Cash	100.80	100.80	+0.100	6.61
-do- Accum	154.60	154.60		6.61
Emerging Mkts	166.00	178.50	+2.200	0.17
-do- Accum	168.30	181.00	+2.200	0.17
European Growth	409.00	432.70†	+2.200	0.44
-do- Accum	446.30	472.10†	+2.500	0.44
European Income	102.20	108.00	+0.200	3.75
-do- Accum	154.00	162.70	+0.300	3.75
General	692.00	736.00†	+0.800	2.14
-do- Accum	1443.00	1535.00†	+2.000	2.14
Global Bond	130.30	136.90	+0.200	3.96
-do- Accum	177.00	186.00	+0.300	3.96
Gold & General	166.00	177.90	+0.100	0.41
-do- Accum	171.80	184.10	+0.100	0.41
Govt Securities	98.23	101.20	+0.200	5.74
-do- Accum	216.20	222.80	+0.500	5.74
High Yield Bd	105.40	108.00†	+0.200	6.57
-do- Accum	118.20	121.10†	+0.200	6.57
Income	228.90	243.30†	- 0.10	3.70
-do- Accum	393.10	417.70†	- 0.30	3.70
Inc Portfolio #	126.20	133.60	+0.100	4.79
-do- Accum #	142.50	150.90	+0.200	4.79
Intl Opps	666.00	710.40	+5.300	0.70
-do- Accum	904.80	965.10	+7.100	0.70
Japan	170.70	182.10	+0.500	
-do- Accum	175.30	187.00	+0.600	
New Europe	285.60	304.80	+0.800	0.92
-do- Accum	299.90	319.90	+0.700	0.92
Pacific	104.90	111.90	+2.000	0.19
-do- Accum	113.20	120.70	+2.100	0.19
Recovery	539.10	575.00	+0.100	1.58
-do- Accum	717.80	765.70	+0.100	1.58
UK Smaller Cos	65.21	67.56†	- 0.10	1.46
-do- Accum	76.36	81.45†	- 0.13	1.46
Portfolio	107.70	114.30	+0.100	2.56
-do- Accum	134.70	142.80		2.56
Managed Gth	140.50	146.90	+0.200	1.72
Managed Inc	136.00	141.20	+0.100	3.82

METROPOLITAN UT MGRS LTD
01707 662 233

	Sell	Buy	+/-	Yld %
Eurogrowth Plus	191.78	204.02	+ 0.68	0.12
Portfolio	92.30	99.26	+ 0.02	1.21
UK Income Inc	110.33	117.37†	- 0.02	4.03

MIDLAND UNIT TRUST MGMT LTD
Enq. 0345 456 123 Dlg: 0345 456 126

	Sell	Buy	+/-	Yld %
Balanced	79.04	82.76	- 0.03	2.50
-do- Accum	88.46	92.63	- 0.02	2.50
British Tst	131.20	137.40	- 0.70	1.90
-do- Accum	160.40	168.00	- 0.90	1.90
Corp Bond Inc	102.80	106.50†		6.48
-do- Accum	110.90	114.90†	.	6.48
Extra High Inc	80.98	84.80	- 0.13	6.11
-do- Accum #	182.00	190.60	- 0.30	6.11
FTSE 100 Acc	89.56	93.77	- 0.43	1.93
FTSE 100 Dist	82.41	86.29	0.40	1.93
Gilt & Fxd Int	57.63	59.96†	+ 0.05	6.15
-do- Accum	193.50	201.30†	+ 0.20	6.15
High Yield	279.00	292.10	- 0.70	5.59
-do- Accum #	800.30	838.00	- 1.80	5.59
Household Names	114.00	114.60†	- 0.40	1.26
Income	384.60	402.70†	- 1.20	3.73
-do- Accum #	935.50	979.60†	2.80	3.73
Money Market UT	49.48	49.63†	+ 0.02	5.94
-do- Accum	86.64	86.65†	+ 0.04	5.94
Monthly Income	110.80	116.00†	+ 0.70	3.90
Midland Personal Pension Unit Trust				
British	167.20	177.90	- 1.00	1.86
European Growth	173.30	183.70	- 1.40	
Gilt & Fixed	109.20	115.80	+ 0.10	6.07
Income	128.70	136.90	- 0.40	3.78
Japan Growth	42.27	44.80	- 0.56	
Managed	97.29	103.50	+ 0.80	2.31
Money Market	100.10	106.10	+ 0.10	5.15
North American	142.60	151.20	+ 0.20	
Midland FSAVCS Unit Trust				
British	151.60	161.30	- 0.98	1.86
European Growth	162.60	172.40	- 1.20	
Gilt & Fixed Int	102.10	108.30	+ 0.10	6.08
Income	126.00	134.00	- 0.40	3.78
Japan Growth	42.13	44.66	- 0.54	
Managed	92.88	98.81	+ 0.77	2.31
Money Market	92.21	97.76	+ 0.05	5.15
North American	127.70	135.40	+ 0.20	
Midland Executive Pension Unit Trust				
British	150.20	159.80	- 0.90	1.86
European Growth	158.90	168.50	- 1.20	
Gilt & Fixed Int	91.82	97.38	+ 0.09	6.09
Income	122.40	130.20	- 0.40	3.78
Japan Growth	43.26	45.85	- 0.55	
Managed	95.00	101.10	.	2.33
Money Market	83.43	88.46	+ 0.04	5.18
North American	143.00	151.60	+ 0.20	

MORGAN GRENFELL INVEST FDS LTD
Dealers: 0171 588 7474 Enquiries: 0171 588 7171

	Sell	Buy	+/-	Yld %
American Gwth	604.30	639.40	+ 3.70	
European Gth Inc	662.00	704.20	+ 3.90	
-do- Accum	660.70	711.90	+ 4.00	.
Intl Gwth	277.40	293.40	+ 0.70	.
UK Equity Inc	259.00	275.60	- 0.90	3.72
-do- Accum	358.80	381.70	- 1.40	3.72
UK Growth Inc	150.40	160.98†	- 0.60	2.98
-do- Accum	156.50	167.50†	- 0.50	2.98
UK Ind Trckr Inc	234.10	249.90†	- 0.70	2.68
-do- Accum	296.00	316.00†	- 0.90	2.68
US Eq Ind Trk Inc	372.40	393.60†	+ 0.00	0.87
Japan Tracker	60.78	64.12	- 0.02	
Asian Tracker	219.80	237.50	+ 6.50	0.31
Mngd Ptfolio Inc	214.60	228.50	.	1.54
Mngd Ptfolio Acc	237.60	253.00		1.54
Deposit Inc	99.96	99.96†	- 0.39	0.62
Europa	281.20	301.00†	+ 2.00	.
Genesis	230.90	246.30		2.37
High Income	21.42	22.70	- 0.03	10.00
Japan Growth	92.21	97.86†	+ 0.42	

MURRAY JOHNSTONE UT MGMT
0345 080 933

	Sell	Buy	+/-	Yld %
Acumen	122.90	125.60	+ 0.10	1.92
Acumen Inc	110.60	113.00	+ 0.10	1.52
Acumen Reserve	104.10	105.20	- 0.20	6.64
-do- Inc	77.10	77.87	+ 0.15	6.64
Americas Growth	89.72	91.73†	+ 0.40	
Equity Income #	125.20	128.50†	- 0.10	3.74
European	100.40	102.60†	+ 1.20	
Smaller Cos	97.45	102.00		1.27
W'wide Eqty	91.60	93.68†	+ 0.45	.
Global Bond	42.09	42.52†	+ 0.05	4.88
UK Growth	131.50	135.90	- 0.20	1.01
Pacific Growth	115.50	118.40	- 1.60	1.24
Japan Growth	91.95	93.57	- 0.46	

NFU MUTUAL UNIT MGRS LTD
Enquiries: 01277 227 300 Dealing: 01277 261 010

	Sell	Buy	+/-	Yld %
Avon Equity	181.24	192.81	- 1.18	1.85

NPI INVESTMENT MGRS
0171 623 4200

	Sell	Buy	+/-	Yld %
Americas Dist	159.70	168.10	- 0.30	
European Dist	187.30	197.20	+ 2.80	0.30
Far East Dist	174.70	183.90†	+ 7.20	
Global Care Dist	99.58	104.82	+ 0.70	0.53
Oseas Dist	1255.60	1321.70†	+24.20	
-do- Accum	1636.50	1722.60	+31.30	
UK Dist	519.60	546.90	+ 0.80	1.50
-do- Accum	1074.90	1131.50	+ 1.70	1.50
UK Extra Inc Dist	105.50	111.00†	+ 0.60	3.17
Wwide Dist	133.70	140.70	+ 2.30	
Wwide Inc Dist	101.00	106.30	+ 0.95	1.38

NATWEST UNIT TRUST MANAGERS LTD
Dlg: 01277 690 290 Admin Enq: 01277 690 398

	Sell	Buy	+/-	Yld %
Europe Inc	97.68	103.10		0.30
Fund of Funds Inc	79.08	83.46		1.20
North America Inc	84.47	89.15		0.10
UK Equity Gth Inc	80.30	84.75		1.89
-do- Accum	88.09	92.97		1.89
UK General Inc	80.13	84.57		1.90
-do- Accum	89.80	94.78		1.90
UK Gilt/Fix Int Inc	49.05	51.65		6.08
UK Income Inc	77.65	81.95†	.	2.93
UK Smlr Cos Inc	124.60	131.50		1.12

NEWTON FUND MGRS LTD
Enquiries: 0800 614 330 Dealing: 0500 440 000

	Sell	Buy	+/-	Yld %
American	67.08	71.36	+ 0.16	
-do- Accum	67.61	71.92	+ 0.17	
Bond	133.03	141.16	+ 0.34	4.72
Cash Income	50.85	50.85	+ 0.02	6.33
-do- Accum	71.99	71.99	+ 0.03	6.33
Challenger	94.63	97.67	+ 0.26	1.31
Distributor	121.07	128.79†	- 0.34	2.50
European	73.40	78.08	+ 0.78	
Foundation	125.92	133.95†	- 0.28	1.52
General Inc	272.66	290.06	+ 0.98	0.84
General Acc	278.47	296.24		0.84
Growth Inc	164.66	175.17	- 0.28	1.51
Growth Acc	170.79	181.69	- 0.29	1.51
Higher Income Inc	38.63	41.09†	- 0.04	5.19
-do- Accum	48.97	52.09†	- 0.05	5.19
Income	323.11	343.73	+ 2.98	3.30
Intrepid	169.77	176.84		1.05
Intl Gwth	47.39	50.41	+ 0.23	
Japan	28.08	29.87†	- 0.03	
Oriental Inc	151.61	161.28†	+ 3.36	0.08
-do- Accum	157.21	167.24†	+ 3.48	0.08

NORTHERN ROCK UNIT TRUST LTD
0191 285 2555

	Sell	Buy	+/-	Yld %
High Income #	54.73	57.91	+ 0.14	5.72
UK Growth	133.10	140.80		2.54

NORWICH UNION TST MANAGERS
01603 682 234

	Sell	Buy	+/-	Yld %
Master Trust	159.97	168.39†	+ 0.54	0.71
UK Equity	202.78	212.82†	- 0.54	2.53
UK Equity Income	181.08	190.61	- 0.12	3.50
UK Smaller Cos	154.52	162.65	+ 0.50	1.31
UK Equity Growth	172.17	181.23	- 0.10	1.24
UK Index Trckg	203.68	214.97†	- 0.19	2.37
Intl Index Trckg	203.95	215.25†	+ 0.73	0.62
International	321.07	337.97	+ 1.59	0.62
European	318.73	335.50†	- 2.71	
Pan European	213.07	224.28	+ 0.22	0.87
Nth American	307.68	323.87	- 0.43	0.21
N Amer Smlr Cos	332.36	349.85	- 0.67	
Japanese	86.00	90.53	- 0.01	
Pacific	225.07	236.92	+ 4.08	0.87
South East Asian	258.50	272.10	+ 7.15	0.66
Sterling Bond	105.57	111.13	- 0.09	6.54
Intl Bond	127.43	134.14†	- 0.93	3.90
Gilt & Convertible	114.44	120.46	+ 0.13	5.91
Property	89.27	93.97	+ 0.05	5.49

OLD MUTUAL FUND MGRS LTD
01256 768 888

	Sell	Buy	+/-	Yld %
European Inc	440.90	473.50	+ 3.30	0.30
-do- Accum	468.60	503.30	+ 3.60	0.30
Japan Inc	94.39	99.99	- 0.81	
Nth American Inc	205.30	217.10†	- 0.50	0.07
Worldwide Inc	217.80	231.50†	+ 0.40	0.08
Hong Kong Inc	235.30	252.10†	+ 3.70	0.40
Swiss Equities Inc	113.40	120.90	+ 1.40	
Wwide Bond Inc	67.80	71.66†	- 0.18	4.70
Emging Asia Inc	181.70	195.50	+ 4.90	
-do- Accum	182.40	196.30	+ 5.00	.
UK Money Mkt Inc	50.24	50.24†	+ 0.01	5.75
Thailand Inc	56.21	61.06	+ 2.52	2.38
New Zealand Inc	103.40	111.00	- 0.40	1.90
Intl Mngd PEP Inc	86.11	92.14	+ 0.47	0.42
Latin Am Grwp Inc	92.45	99.10	+ 0.40	0.39
UK All Sh Mer Inc	85.15	86.53	- 0.43	2.06
Broker Unit Trusts				
Way Global Blue	91.84	97.70	+ 0.12	
Global Portfolio	80.97	86.62	+ 0.21	
Way Global Bad	72.29	76.90	+ 0.14	
Marsh Global Gth	69.20	73.38	- 0.43	
AMR Bnl Gwth Inc	129.00	137.10	- 0.60	0.70
Temple Equity Inc	53.05	57.56	- 0.12	1.59
Hartley Growth	137.70	146.50†	- 1.60	0.68
Intl Growth Inc	86.89	92.93	- 0.04	
IPS Portfolio Inc	108.20	114.30	- 1.30	
Roxburgh Strat Gth	83.00	88.77	+ 0.15	0.16
UFC Growth	73.32	78.42	- 0.08	0.67
Chartfield Port of Fds	59.53	63.23	+ 0.19	

PM UT MGRS LTD
0171 588 3963

	Sell	Buy	+/-	Yld %
Equity Gth	269.60	286.80	- 0.20	0.82
European Gth	167.40	177.50	- 1.50	0.23
Income & Gth #	182.60	194.30†	- 0.30	2.73
Japan Gth	97.42	103.60	- 0.10	
Nth Amer Gth	295.30	313.10	- 1.40	0.08
Overseas Gth	145.30	154.10	+ 0.70	

PEARL UNIT TRUSTS LTD
Dlg: 0800 626 577 Enq: 01733 470 470

	Sell	Buy	+/-	Yld %
Equity	338.20	359.70	- 0.50	1.73
-do- Accum	755.50	803.60	- 1.10	1.73
Growth	213.50	224.70	- 3.30	2.18
Income	325.80	345.60	+ 1.80	3.18
Intl Equity	322.70	343.30†	+ 0.60	0.11
-do- Accum	362.60	385.70	+ 0.70	0.11
Equity Income #	88.07	93.68	+ 1.81	4.58
Equity Growth	113.90	121.09	- 0.30	1.33
New Europe	130.10	138.40	+ 0.60	

PERPETUAL UNIT TST MGMT
01491 417 000

	Sell	Buy	+/-	Yld %
Intl Growth Inc	835.59	892.72	+ 3.56	0.23
-do- Accum	840.78	898.27	- 3.58	0.23
Income	543.01	580.77	- 1.66	2.63
Wwide Recovery	547.96	586.06	+ 2.74	0.16
Amer Growth Inc	380.66	404.45	+ 1.47	0.01
-do- Accum	380.66	404.45	+ 1.47	0.01
Intl Emerging Cos	322.36	344.67	+ 2.41	0.01
Far Estn Gth Inc	310.30	331.88	+ 2.67	0.63
-do- Accum	314.18	336.03	+ 2.71	0.63
Euro Gwth Inc	238.25	254.08	+ 1.07	0.01
-do- Accum	239.07	254.96	+ 1.08	0.01
UK Growth Inc	137.80	147.38	- 0.13	2.36
-do- Accum	151.46	161.99	- 0.14	2.36
High Income	139.59	149.30	- 0.48	3.11
Jap Gwth Inc	170.10	181.93	- 0.11	0.02
-do- Accum	170.10	181.93	- 0.11	0.02
PEP Bond	61.87	64.47	+ 0.11	7.05
PEP Growth	177.17	189.40	+ 0.77	0.50
Asian Slr Mkts Inc	137.44	147.00	+ 3.40	0.10
-do- Accum	137.89	147.48	+ 3.42	0.10
Amer Smlr Co Inc	246.31	262.08	+ 1.92	0.01
-do- Accum	246.31	262.08	+ 1.92	0.01
Global Bond	55.56	58.56†	+ 0.24	4.92
UK Smaller Cos Inc	112.56	120.39	+ 0.21	1.97
-do- Accum	121.92	130.40	+ 0.23	1.97
Lat Am Gwth Inc	48.36	51.67	+ 0.98	0.01
-do- Accum	49.14	52.50	+ 0.99	0.01
World Inc PEP #	50.99	53.96†	+ 0.15	4.00

PILGRIM UNIT TRUST MGMT LTD
0191 201 3927

	Sell	Buy	+/-	Yld %
American	172.19	183.18	+ 0.03	
European	120.18	127.85†	+ 0.59	
Global	74.58	79.34	+ 0.79	
Pacific	57.16	60.58	+ 0.83	
UK Inc & Gth	92.54	98.45†	+ 0.51	1.38

PORTFOLIO FUND MGMT LTD
Enq: 0171 638 0808 Dlg: 0171 588 8880

	Sell	Buy	+/-	Yld %
Asia	54.98	58.20	+ 0.77	
Emerg Mkts	55.22	58.59†	+ 0.42	0.27
Euro Fund	51.25	54.38	+ 0.38	
Fund of Funds	222.83	237.58	+ 1.08	0.03
High Income #	58.61	61.68†	+ 0.11	5.67
Performance	55.68	59.08	+ 0.20	

PREMIER PORTFOLIO MGRS LTD
01483 456 832

	Sell	Buy	+/-	Yld %
Special Sits	244.30	261.20	+ 2.60	0.49
Dividend	116.30	124.40†		3.62
Intl Gth & Inc	283.20	301.40	0.50	1.32
UK & Gen	56.56	60.49†	+ 0.19	1.13
Fund of Funds	84.92	90.82	+ 0.19	

PRINCIPAL UNIT TRUST MGMT LTD
01732 740 700

	Sell	Buy	+/-	Yld %
Principal Tst	196.66	204.41†		2.29

PROLIFIC UNIT TST MGRS LTD
Enquiries: 0171 280 3700 Dealing: 0800 282 443

	Sell	Buy	+/-	Yld %
American Income	156.60	166.10†	+ 1.20	1.99
Conv & Gilt	127.70	135.90	+ 0.20	4.16
Euro Spc Sit Acc	123.40	131.30	+ 0.90	
Extra Income	212.60	226.20†	+ 0.30	4.05
-do- Accum	285.20	303.40	+ 0.40	4.05
Far East	400.50	426.10	+ 6.00	0.51
-do- Accum	408.90	435.00	+ 6.10	0.51
Global Income	30.47	32.33†	+ 0.20	4.25
High Income	162.30	172.70	+ 0.20	3.93
-do- Accum	212.40	226.00	+ 0.40	3.91
International	253.30	269.30	+ 2.10	0.31
-do- Accum	263.70	280.60	+ 2.20	0.31
Pref & Fxd Int	49.08	52.22†	+ 0.08	6.78
Recovery	100.20	106.60	+ 0.10	2.44
Special Sits	161.70	172.10	+ 0.60	1.67
-do- Accum	181.60	193.20	+ 0.70	1.67
Technology	895.20	952.30	+ 7.70	
UK Blue Chip	106.40	113.20	+ 0.20	2.72
-do- Accum	127.50	135.60	+ 0.30	2.72

PRUDENTIAL UNIT TRUSTS LTD
UT Dealing: 0345 406000 Client Enq: 0345 835500

	Sell	Buy	+/-	Yld %
Managed Tst	50.80	52.64†	+ 0.12	1.87
Cash Haven Inc	101.23	101.73†	+ 0.04	6.00
Cash Haven Acc	123.49	124.10	+ 0.05	6.09
Dist Trust Inc	116.95	121.19	- 0.15	4.95
Dist Trust Acc	137.14	142.11	- 0.17	4.85
Global Growth	120.84	128.55†	+ 0.16	0.72
Equity Inc	99.90	106.28†	- 0.27	4.05
Equity	1056.47	1123.90	- 3.67	1.71
European	341.71	354.10	+ 1.88	0.31
High Income	102.99	109.56†	- 1.71	4.78
Intl Gwth	250.52	266.51	+ 1.15	0.88
Intl Sm Co	104.71	111.39	- 0.84	0.71
Japanese	169.04	175.17†	- 0.15	
Mgd Income Tst #	49.55	51.21†	- 0.83	7.71
Nth Amer	319.01	330.04	+ 0.47	0.74
Pacific Mkts	111.23	115.26†	+ 2.57	1.28
Premier Inc	49.33	51.33	+ 0.05	6.10
Sm Cos	119.38	120.62	+ 0.49	1.63
Spec Sits	146.95	156.33	- 0.45	1.80
UK Growth	177.48	188.81†	- 0.63	1.73

QUILTER FUND MANAGEMENT LTD
0171 407 5966

	Sell	Buy	+/-	Yld %
Hi Inc Inv Inc	96.06	101.01†	+ 0.22	3.49
Investment Trust	131.23	137.99†	+ 0.39	0.37
UK Smaller Cos	111.21	116.94	+ 0.21	1.71

RELIANCE UNIT MGRS LTD
01892 510 033

	Sell	Buy	+/-	Yld %
British Life	416.30	441.60	- 0.70	2.14

ROTHSCHILD FUND MANAGEMENT
Dealers: 0171 623 1000 Client Services: 0800 124 314

	Sell	Buy	+/-	Yld %
Five Arrows Funds				
America (Inc)	947.84	1002.24	- 1.42	
America (Acc)	1110.59	1174.33	- 1.66	..
Amer Smlr Cos	85.13	90.54	+ 0.24	
Asia	49.10	52.63		.
European	504.16	535.26	+ 2.39	.
Japan	202.25	215.48	+ 0.33	
Jap Smlr Cos	28.82	30.51	- 0.07	
Major UK Cos	141.21	150.46	- 0.32	1.03
Smlr UK Cos	453.64	494.14	+ 2.24	0.96
UK Equity Inc #	213.32	227.76	- 0.78	3.34
Five Arrows Portfolio Fund				
Asia Pacific	51.26	55.52	- 1.23	
Cash	48.37	50.37		3.81
Emerging Mkts	58.14	60.72	+ 0.57	.
Europe	76.25	79.63	+ 0.48	
Global Fixed Int #	49.97	52.18	- 0.08	4.23
Japan	37.21	38.86	- 0.16	
North America	87.39	91.26	- 0.35	
UK	77.07	80.49	- 0.25	0.41
UK Equity Inc #	71.45	74.62	- 0.23	3.36
UK Fixed Int #	52.53	54.86	+ 0.08	6.99
Portfolio Service PEP				
Pep Gth Port	59.06	61.20	+ 0.30	
Pep Inc Port #	58.44	60.55	+ 0.20	2.87

ROYAL LIFE FD MGMT LTD
Prices: 01733 282 828 Gen Enq: 01733 390 000

	Sell	Buy	+/-	Yld %
United States	169.50	179.70†	- 0.30	0.24
Pacific Basin	77.33	82.77	+ 1.57	0.31
High Inc Dist	196.70	211.80		3.34
Ryl Life Intl Cmry	67.52	71.33†	- 0.05	3.98
Ryl Life Intl Gwth	92.59	98.46	- 0.14	
Ryl Life Intl Spec	81.27	86.45	+ 0.31	
UK Emerging Cos	137.90	149.00	+ 0.90	1.17
UK Index Trckg	242.50	257.60	+ 0.40	3.11
European	220.40	236.10	+ 2.00	0.14
Managed	214.70	230.80†	+ 1.30	0.84

ROYAL LONDON UNIT TST MGRS LTD
01206 764 400

	Sell	Buy	+/-	Yld %
American Growth	253.20	268.70†	+ 0.40	0.99
European Growth	186.90	198.50†	+ 2.40	1.09
Far East Growth	150.50	160.20	+ 3.80	0.88
Japan Growth	109.10	115.90	- 0.10	0.49
Special Sits	267.70	284.70	+ 0.30	1.59
UK Growth	125.80	133.80	+ 0.10	2.56
Intl Growth	336.20	357.70	+ 2.40	1.62

ST JAMES'S PLACE UT GROUP LTD
0141 307 6500

	Sell	Buy	+/-	Yld %
Far East Inc	161.40	170.80		0.31
Gt Euro Prog Inc	523.40	553.90		0.48
-do- Accum	821.40	869.20		0.48
Growth Inc	177.70	188.00	...	0.13
-do- Accum	183.00	193.70		0.13
International Inc	471.40	498.80		0.15
-do- Accum	654.10	692.20		0.15
Nth Am & Intl Inc	499.90	529.00		
UK Gen Prog Inc	287.50	304.30		1.74
-do- Accum	337.10	352.50		1.74
UK High Inc Inc	174.00	184.10	.	4.44

SANWA INTL INVEST SERVICES LTD
0171 330 0572

	Sell	Buy	+/-	Yld %
Asian Gwth	129.13	137.37	+ 3.07	0.75
European Gwth	119.69	127.54	+ 0.85	1.00
Global Bd	60.73	64.14†	+ 0.11	5.00
Japan	49.64	52.80	- 0.09	
UK Gwth	101.81	108.30	+ 0.53	1.75

SAVE & PROSPER GROUP
Clients: 0800 829 100 Brokerline: 0800 727 770

	Sell	Buy	+/-	Yld %
Amer Smlr Cos	191.90	204.10	+ 0.70	
Cash	140.70	140.70		6.51
China Dragon	91.63	97.48	+ 1.30	0.31
Commodity	145.80	155.10	- 0.10	
Emerging Mkts	47.07	50.07	+ 0.90	0.36
European Gwth	306.10	325.60	+ 2.00	.
Euro Smlr Cos	83.10	88.40	+ 1.07	
Extra Income #	65.00	67.36†	+ 0.04	5.20
Far Eastern	97.76	104.00	+ 0.80	.
FE Sm Cos	43.97	46.78	- 0.01	0.52
Financial Secs	402.80	428.50	- 0.40	1.32
Gold & Exploration	63.64	67.70	- 0.03	.
Growth	539.00	541.70	+ 0.70	1.49
High Income	51.39	51.39†	+ 0.01	6.79
Intl Bond	159.30	168.20†	+ 0.20	5.20
ITU	269.30	286.50	+ 1.60	0.78
Japan Growth	145.90	154.70†	- 0.20	
Japan Smaller	127.70	135.40	- 0.10	
Korea	37.99	40.41	- 0.14	
Latin America	58.46	62.19	+ 1.36	0.22
Marketlond	74.07	74.44	- 0.14	0.74
Premier Eq Gth	201.80	214.70	+ 0.10	0.74
Premier Eq Inc #	438.00	466.00	+ 0.30	4.02
SE Asia	45.50	48.40	- 0.63	0.01
Southern Africa	59.72	63.53†	+ 0.05	1.13
UK & O'seas	239.50	254.80	+ 0.40	1.12
UK Eqty Gth	100.50	106.90		0.98
UK Eqty Inc #	313.10	333.10		3.90
UK Gth & Inc #	366.20	389.60†	- 0.50	2.76
UK Sm Cos	62.59	66.59	+ 0.44	1.05
US Growth	293.20	301.10	- 0.90	

SCHRODER UNIT TRUSTS LTD
Clnt: 0800 526 535 Brkr: 0800 526 540

	Sell	Buy	+/-	Yld %
Retail Funds				
American	443.22	468.24	+ 1.23	0.76
-do- Accum	491.95	519.73	+ 1.37	0.76
European Gwth	114.40	121.23	- 0.42	0.21
Euro Smlr Cos	130.50	138.66	+ 0.69	
-do- Accum	132.38	140.68	+ 0.70	
Far Eastern Gth	110.94	118.33†	+ 1.18	
-do- Accum	113.08	120.61†	+ 1.20	
Gilt & Fixed Int #	54.00	55.89†	- 0.04	7.48
Global Bond #	47.49	49.07	+ 0.14	5.83
-do- Accum #	59.46	61.43	+ 0.17	5.83
Global Emer Mkts	62.62	66.79	+ 1.09	
-do- Accum	62.68	66.85	+ 1.09	.
Income #	489.87	522.52†	- 1.32	4.56
-do- Accum #	1725.51	1840.54†	- 4.67	4.56
Japan Smlr Cos	292.15	311.62	- 0.07	
-do- Accum	292.73	312.24	- 0.07	
Japan Enterprise	62.37	66.52	- 0.32	
Pacific Gwth	155.13	165.47†	+ 2.09	0.43
-do- Accum	161.27	172.01†	+ 2.12	0.43
Portfolio	109.81	116.96†	- 0.11	1.68
-do- Accum	124.10	132.19†	- 0.12	1.68
Seoul	32.35	34.50	+ 0.06	
-do- Accum	32.35	34.50	+ 0.06	
Smaller Cos	357.34	381.16	+ 0.44	1.02
-do- Accum	427.98	456.51	+ 0.53	1.02
Strategic Inc	114.32	121.91†	+ 0.01	2.77
Strategic Acc	117.28	125.06†	+ 0.01	2.77
Tokyo	123.95	132.21†	- 0.43	.
-do- Accum	125.30	133.55†	- 0.43	
UK Enterprise	385.35	411.04	- 1.23	2.06
-do- Accum	487.93	520.45	- 1.56	2.06
UK Equity	363.51	387.74	- 1.68	2.28
-do- Accum	751.15	801.23	- 3.47	2.28
US Smlr Cos	332.02	353.89	+ 4.04	.
-do- Accum	332.02	353.99	+ 4.04	.
Institutional Funds				
European	371.41	385.01†	+ 1.39	0.84
-do- Accum	423.27	438.77†	+ 1.58	0.84
Euro Smlr Cos	41.97	43.71	+ 0.34	0.84
-do- Accum	45.55	47.45	+ 0.38	0.84
Global Equity Inc	108.23	112.65	+ 0.16	0.88
Japan Smlr Cos	27.99	29.15	- 0.07	0.12
-do- Accum	28.31	29.49	- 0.07	0.12
Mngd Balanced	253.20	263.75†	+ 0.15	3.80
-do- Accum	304.88	317.58†	+ 0.17	3.80
Overseas Equity	249.47	259.71	+ 1.52	0.75
-do- Accum	263.86	274.69	+ 1.61	0.75
Oseas Smlr Cos	143.92	149.91†	+ 1.22	0.72
-do- Accum	153.45	159.83†	+ 1.30	0.72
Pacific	277.85	289.42	+ 5.74	1.41
-do- Accum	311.26	324.23	+ 6.43	1.41
Recovery	2624.17	2733.51†	- 2.19	3.03
-do- Accum	2965.06	3088.60†	- 2.48	3.03
UK Index	224.38	233.72†	- 0.24	2.92
-do- Accum	297.52	309.92†	- 0.31	2.92
UK Small Cos	152.25	158.59†	+ 0.33	2.58
-do- Accum	172.51	179.70†	+ 0.38	2.58
US Smlr Cos	87.66	91.11	+ 0.89	0.40
-do- Accum	90.19	93.74	+ 0.92	0.40

SCOTTISH AMICABLE UT MGRS LTD
0141 204 2300

	Sell	Buy	+/-	Yld %
Equity Income	72.97	77.17		2.26
Equity Trust	94.28	99.70		2.61
Equity Strategy	102.00	107.87		1.31
European Opps	130.98	138.51		
UK Smaller Cos	80.80	85.45		1.70
Maximum Inc	98.76	101.33		7.83
Japanese	63.32	66.98		
Asia Pacific	113.66	120.20		0.77
American	179.15	189.45	.	0.95

SCOTTISH EQUITABLE FD MGRS LTD
0800 454 422

	Sell	Buy	+/-	Yld %
Cash	34.73	34.73†	+ 0.01	6.63
UK Eq Gwth Inc	72.86	77.71†	- 0.27	3.00
-do- Accum	101.26	108.01†	- 0.37	3.00
Intl Income	349.14	371.47	+ 0.75	1.42
-do- Accum	620.39	660.06	+ 1.32	1.42
European	130.54	138.68	+ 0.72	1.35
Japan	57.14	60.53	+ 0.18	0.19
American	133.02	140.44†	+ 0.08	1.17
Far East Tact	86.98	92.78†	+ 1.76	1.38
Ethical Inc	43.93	46.98†	+ 0.13	1.56
UK Blue Chip Inc	48.62	51.95†	0.10	3.38
UK Equity Inc	50.47	53.83	0.15	4.17
UK Global Inc	56.93	60.72†	- 0.02	1.86
Wwide Tact	99.76	106.16	+ 0.12	1.01
Europe Tactical	93.19	99.36	+ 0.52	0.98
Technology	195.22	207.10	+ 1.64	0.71

SCOTTISH LIFE INVESTMENTS
0131 225 2211

	Sell	Buy	+/-	Yld %
UK Equity	604.40	644.30	- 2.20	2.50
American	442.20	467.90	- 0.70	0.23
Pacific	393.20	420.50	+ 5.50	0.16
European	804.50	860.40	+ 8.00	0.62
Worldwide	110.60	118.30	+ 1.40	0.15

SCOTTISH MUTUAL INV MGRS LTD
0141 248 6100

	Sell	Buy	+/-	Yld %
UK Equity Inc	397.90	423.40	- 1.00	2.00
-do- Accum	533.30	567.40	- 1.20	2.00
UK Sir Co Eq Inc	294.80	313.70	+ 0.40	1.44
-do- Accum	366.80	390.30	+ 0.50	1.44
Select Opptnty Inc	97.33	104.10	+ 0.28	1.78
Income Plus Inc	100.60	107.10	- 0.10	2.55
European Inc	562.10	596.60	+ 1.90	0.70
-do- Accum	647.90	687.60	+ 2.30	0.70
Far Eastern Inc	180.00	191.50	+ 3.10	0.57
-do- Accum	209.30	222.70	+ 3.70	0.57
Japanese Inc	54.64	58.13	+ 0.30	
Nth American Inc	445.30	472.70	+ 2.00	0.11
-do- Accum	493.20	523.60	+ 2.20	0.11
Intl Growth Inc	263.40	280.30	+ 1.80	0.29
Wwide Venture Inc	113.60	120.80	+ 0.90	0.32

SCOTTISH WIDOWS' FUND MGMT
0131 668 3724

	Sell	Buy	+/-	Yld %
Equity Inc	533.40	563.50		2.15
-do- Accum	826.20	872.80		2.15
UK High Inc	258.40	273.00		2.13
-do- Accum	404.60	427.50		2.13
Europe Inc	596.00	629.70		0.31
Nth Amer Inc	404.30	427.00		
Global Inc	296.50	313.30	.	0.15
Global Acc	321.80	339.90		0.15
UK Spec Sits Inc	153.80	162.40		2.01
South East Asia	195.20	206.20		0.40
Cash Trust Inc	101.20	101.20		6.20
UK Smlr Cos Inc	128.30	135.50		2.00
-do- Accum	137.40	145.10		2.00
Intl Bond Inc	90.26	94.81		4.48
International Strat	90.98	96.35		

SHARP (ALBERT E)
Enquiries: 01277 227 300 Dealing: 01277 261 010

	Sell	Buy	+/-	Yld %
European	201.60	212.20	+ 1.30	0.09
Nth American	177.00	186.30	- 0.30	
Intl Bond & Conv	132.20	139.20	+ 0.30	6.07
Pooled Pension	273.20	293.80	+ 0.60	1.97
Smaller Cos	124.50	131.00	+ 0.50	1.20
UK General #	199.20	209.70	+ 0.10	2.06
Far Eastern	86.36	90.90	+ 1.00	

SINGER & FRIEDLANDER INVESTMENT FUNDS LTD
0171 626 6226

	Sell	Buy	+/-	Yld %
Continental	111.50	117.80	+ 0.70	0.80
Global Gwth	93.87	99.24	+ 0.19	1.04
Inv Tst Port	62.97	66.98	+ 0.20	2.26
Managed	1504.11	1574.52	+ 1.23	1.51
Prul Inc #	108.70	115.60	- 0.10	5.91
Smaller Cos	284.20	302.30		0.80
Ireland SIB Recognised				
UK Equity Inc ‡	105.74		- 0.69	4.54
Sterling Reserve ‡	102.00		+ 0.04	5.01
Corporate Inc ‡	100.64		- 0.46	5.76
1st Pan ‡	115.29		+ 2.64	
Asiac ‡	95.27		+ 2.20	
Amer Gth Fund ‡	172.82		- 0.16	.
European ‡	199.64		+ 0.32	
Global Bond ‡	90.62	.	+ 0.17	6.84
Samurai ‡	52.05		- 0.11	
UK Growth ‡	132.53		- 1.05	2.59
UK Emerg Leaders ‡	96.70		+ 0.21	3.30
Investment Trust ‡	132.90	. .	+ 0.40	2.20
The Football Fd ‡	87.64		+ 0.10	
Reserve Roll Up ‡	99.72			

SMITH & WILLIAMSON UT MGRS
0171 637 5377

	Sell	Buy	+/-	Yld %
American	560.70	593.40	- 3.10	
Capital	167.60	177.30†	+ 1.00	1.10
Cash	102.25	102.25	+ 0.01	6.55
European	199.00	210.40	+ 2.40	0.18
Far Eastern	170.60	180.40†	+ 2.00	0.10
Growth	196.50	207.90†	+ 0.20	1.39
Income #	156.20	165.30†	+ 0.40	4.91
Magnum	176.40	186.60†	+ 0.80	1.16
Smlr Secs	627.40	663.90	+11.10	
Thoroughbred	207.70	219.70	+ 0.90	1.25

SOVEREIGN UNIT TST MGRS LTD
0800 73 11 093

	Sell	Buy	+/-	Yld %
Charlie Prince	58.69	62.73†	+ 0.13	7.00
Ethical	89.30	95.50	+ 0.30	1.15
European Growth	99.49	105.50†	+ 0.50	..
Income	69.87	74.72		3.43
Intl Growth	130.30	138.00	+ 0.90	...
Managed	109.80	116.30†	+ 0.50	0.17
UK Growth	87.01	93.05†	+ 0.03	1.28

STANDARD LIFE UNIT TRUSTS
0800 33 33 53

	Sell	Buy	+/-	Yld %
Standard Life Fund Mngmt Ltd				
Global Advtg Inc	53.32	53.59†	+ 0.30	1.26
Global Advtg Acc	58.61	58.91	+ 0.30	1.28
Income Advtg Inc	42.36	42.58†	.	3.72
Income Advtg Acc	51.26	51.52		3.72
UK Equity Gth Acc	120.00	127.20	- 0.30	1.55
Premier Inc Inc	51.47	52.50†	...	6.82
Premier Inc Acc	58.37	58.54	...	6.82
Managed Acc	73.24	77.64	+ 0.40	1.79
UK Eq Hi Inc Inc	49.74	52.73	+ 0.10	3.97
UK Eq Hi Inc Acc	67.39	71.44	+ 0.19	3.97
UK Smlr Cos Acc	50.33	53.36	+ 0.20	0.55
Standard Life Tst Mngmt Ltd				
UK Equity Gen Acc	97.31	103.49	+ 0.10	1.58
UK Equity Gen Inc	69.13	73.46	+ 0.10	1.58
Gilt & Fxd Int Inc	33.58	35.52		6.29
Oseas Lrg Co Acc	414.20	449.50	+ 2.80	1.71
Nth American Acc	76.44	81.22	+ 0.10	0.01
Pacific Basin	42.72	45.40	+ 1.50	0.79
European Acc	71.25	75.71	+ 0.90	0.21
Japan Acc	24.46	25.98	- 0.10	0.86

STATE STREET UT MGMT LTD
0171 344 7000

	Sell	Buy	+/-	Yld %
Global A (NZS)	5.417	5.752	.	1.60
US Eqts (US$)	4.554	4.821		0.62
Far East Eqts (yen)	267.40	284.00	..	
FT Europe	189.80	201.50	...	0.99
FT N Amer (US$)	3.688	3.902	...	..
FT Japan (yen)	173.50	183.30	..	
FT Asia ExJap (US$)	2.789	2.982	.	0.97

STEWART IVORY UNIT TST MGRS LTD
0131 226 3271

	Sell	Buy	+/-	Yld %
American	643.70	680.50	+ 1.60	.
British #	1466.70	1553.90	- 0.90	2.76
Emging Mkts	203.00	215.80	+ 3.80	0.42
Euro Gwth Inc	116.20	123.10	+ 1.00	.
Euro Small Co	66.77	71.11	+ 0.70	0.18
Japan	113.40	120.20	- 0.10	
Asia Pacific	460.80	490.70	+ 7.80	1.09
-do- Accum	501.40	533.90	+ 8.50	1.09
Inv Trust Acc	331.40	351.30	+ 1.40	1.01
Mngd Equity	230.80	244.20	+ 1.00	2.36
Mngd Cash	96.24	96.24	+ 0.04	6.14

SUN ALLIANCE UNIT TST MGMT LTD
Enquiries: 01277 227 300 Dealing: 01277 690 389

	Sell	Buy	+/-	Yld %
Equity	1307.00	1397.00		1.57
North America	248.50	265.70	. .	
Far East	158.20	169.10		
Wwide Bond	57.05	60.53		4.18
European	182.70	195.30		0.17
Equity Income #	134.50	143.80	.	4.13
Portfolio	133.50	142.70		1.05
UK Leading Cos	101.50	108.20		1.95
High Inc Bond	50.99	51.07†		6.30
Broker Trusts				
Intnl Equity	85.06	90.97		.

SUN LIFE OF CANADA UT MGRS LTD
0800 525 725

	Sell	Buy	+/-	Yld %
Antares UT	23.12	24.60	+ 0.73	1.05
Corp Bd Gilt Inc	100.25	106.65†	+ 0.28	6.66
Corp Bd & Gilt Acc	110.91	117.99	+ 0.31	6.68
European	65.85	70.06	+ 0.33	0.50
High Income	41.30	43.94	- 0.09	3.33
Japan	33.62	35.98	+ 0.03	0.01
Managed Assets	168.27	179.97	+ 0.91	2.06
North American	61.92	65.88	+ 0.42	0.01
Smlr Co's Inc	38.64	41.11	+ 1.40	2.04
Smlr Co's Acc	42.81	45.55	+ 1.56	2.04
UK Growth Inc	78.38	83.39	- 0.24	1.95
UK Growth Acc	90.60	96.39	- 0.28	1.95
Extra Income #	54.67	58.48	- 0.18	2.73
Worldwide Gth	49.56	53.00	+ 0.39	0.20

SUN LIFE TRUST MGMT LTD
Admn & Enq: 0171 606 4044 Dlg: 0171 606 6010

	Sell	Buy	+/-	Yld %
Discretionary	63.53	67.59	+ 0.27	
Cap Protector Inc	59.25	63.03	- 0.20	2.44
UK Income Inc	74.38	79.13	- 0.41	2.67
Mngd Extra Inc Inc #	38.31	40.52	- 0.08	6.55
Mngd High Yld Inc	106.87	113.69†	- 0.61	3.78
Mngd Inc/Gth Inc	103.63	110.24	- 0.48	2.47
UK Smaller Cos	43.44	46.21	+ 0.16	2.03
Pacific Gth Port	50.83	54.07	+ 1.18	0.63

TSB UNIT TRUSTS
01264 346 794

	Sell	Buy	+/-	Yld %
American	394.66	417.63†	+ 0.82	
-do- Accum	434.70	460.00†	+ 0.90	
Brit Growth	148.27	156.90	- 0.82	1.42
-do- Accum	186.81	197.69	- 1.03	1.42
European	159.81	169.11†	+ 1.02	
-do- Accum	170.74	180.68†	+ 1.10	. .
Extra Income #	248.43	262.89†	- 0.95	4.20
-do- Accum #	477.44	505.23†	- 1.83	4.20
Smaller Cos	94.97	100.50†	+ 0.24	0.93
-do- Accum	109.73	116.11†	+ 0.27	0.93
General	427.04	451.90†	- 2.15	1.66
-do- Accum	928.71	982.76†	- 4.68	1.66
Premier Income	53.47	55.69	+ 0.06	6.22
-do- Accum	140.62	146.49	+ 0.18	6.22
Income #	461.32	488.16	- 2.14	3.24
-do- Accum #	1102.34	1166.50	- 5.10	3.24
Pacific	371.66	393.30	+ 6.99	0.22
-do- Accum	390.52	413.25	+ 7.34	0.22
International	743.62	786.79	+ 2.77	0.13
-do- Accum	982.51	1039.69	+ 3.67	0.13
Nat Resources	167.44	177.19	+ 0.97	0.05
Skld Opps	156.16	165.25†	+ 0.36	0.89
-do- Accum	208.68	220.83†	+ 2.65	0.89
Environmental Inv	99.81	105.62†	- 0.41	0.71
Selector	87.66	92.76	- 0.21	1.30
-do- Accum	102.97	108.97	- 0.24	1.30
High Income #	82.15	86.94	- 0.28	4.13
-do- Accum #	116.38	123.15	- 0.37	4.13
Intl Income	65.45	69.26	+ 0.23	4.28
-do- Accum	88.93	94.11	+ 0.31	4.28
Selector Income	76.61	81.07	- 0.15	3.91
-do- Accum	99.10	104.86	- 0.20	3.91

TU FUND MANAGERS LIMITED
0181 667 1018

	Sell	Buy	+/-	Yld %
British	491.14	516.99†	- 1.51	1.97
European	99.21	103.68	+ 0.70	0.93

TEMPLETON UNIT TRUST MGRS LTD
0131 469 4000

	Sell	Buy	+/-	Yld %
Glob Growth Inc	283.67	300.18	+ 0.74	2.58
Glob Growth Acc	332.06	351.38	+ 0.86	2.58
Glob Balncd Inc	232.47	246.00	+ 1.19	3.35
Glob Balncd Acc	286.75	303.44	+ 1.46	3.35
Value Tst Inc	175.79	186.02	+ 0.60	2.20
Value Tst Acc	198.82	210.39	+ 0.68	2.20

THORNHILL UNIT TST MGRS LTD
0171 800 0033

	Sell	Buy	+/-	Yld %
Capital	107.80	114.50	- 0.60	0.46
International	82.49	87.76		

THORNTON UNIT MANAGERS LTD
0171 246 3000 Dealing: 0171 246 3001

	Sell	Buy	+/-	Yld %
Dresdner Eur Bd	39.28	40.65†	+ 0.38	6.46
European Growth	421.05	440.89	+ 3.01	0.80
Exempt	799.48	834.50	- 2.29	2.76
Global Em Mkts	98.05	102.67		0.45
Japan Tst	78.99	82.71	+ 0.04	
Little Dragons	129.59	135.69	+ 7.04	
Nth Amer Gwth	393.73	412.38	+ 1.04	0.39
Oriental Income #	53.36	55.87	+ 0.59	3.34
Preference	142.13	148.82	+ 0.17	7.99
Tiger	290.28	303.95	+ 6.31	.
UK Blue Chip	98.48	103.12	- 0.61	1.46
UK Growth	795.77	833.26	- 2.48	0.80
UK High Yield #	137.75	144.24	- 0.43	4.77
UK Mid-Cap	368.12	385.46	+ 0.77	1.56
UK Smllr Cos	140.96	147.60	+ 1.14	0.70
UK Smll Cos Div #	88.88	93.06	- 0.34	5.91

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Conversion Helpline: 0500 386227 (Until end Dec)

	Sell	Buy	+/-	Yld %
Threadneedle Investment Services				
Managed Income	48.13	50.00		3.66
Caut Mg Gth Acc	48.13	50.00		4.14
Bal Mgd Gth Acc	48.13	50.00		2.63
Adv Mgd Gth Acc	48.13	50.00	.	0.89
Threadneedle Investment Funds (OEIC)				
Retail Shares (Class 1)				
UK				
UK Corp Bond ‡	50.14		+ 0.02	6.94
UK Equity Inc #	50.76	.	- 0.08	3.41
UK Growth ‡	50.04	.	- 0.11	1.29
UK Select Gwth ‡	50.29		- 0.12	1.34
UK Sm Cos Gwth ‡	50.75		+ 0.07	1.17
International				
Amer Gwth Acc ‡	50.21		+ 0.20	0.10
Euro Gwth Acc ‡	50.92	.	- 0.29	.
FE & Jap Gth Acc ‡	46.39		+ 0.70	
Japan Growth Acc ‡	47.18		+ 0.20	.
Specialist				
Am Sel Gwth Acc ‡	50.71	.	+ 0.28	
Asia Growth Acc ‡	48.76	.	+ 1.42	0.19
Euro Sel Gth Acc ‡	50.30	.	- 0.22	
Glb Sel Gth Acc ‡	49.40		+ 0.11	0.11
Institutional Shares (Class 2) (£500,000 min)				
UK				
UK Equity Inc #	50.90		- 0.08	4.04
UK Growth ‡	50.13	.	- 0.08	1.84
UK Incl Gth Acc ‡	50.27		- 0.10	1.62
UK Oseas Emgs ‡	49.94		- 0.11	0.96
UK Select Gwth ‡	50.29		- 0.12	1.89
UK Sm Cos Gwth ‡	50.75		+ 0.07	1.71
International				
Amer Gwth Acc ‡	50.28	.	+ 0.20	0.60
Euro Gwth Acc ‡	50.98	.	- 0.29	
FE & Jap Gth Acc ‡	46.48		+ 0.71	
Japan Growth Acc ‡	47.27		+ 0.21	
Specialist				
Amer Sel Gwth ‡	50.79		+ 0.30	
Asia Growth Acc ‡	48.77	.	+ 1.43	0.69
Euro Sel Gth Acc ‡	50.42		- 0.20	
Threadneedle PII Svs (Frmly Allied Dunbar)				
Proposed for conversion in Oct				
American Income	84.04	89.460	+ 0.56	1.81
Balanced	997.50	1066.00†	- 2.00	2.39
Conv & Gilt	55.79	59.630	+ 0.03	3.56
Equity Income	316.90	338.70	- 0.80	3.48
Govt Secs	36.50	38.530	+ 0.09	5.39
Growth & Income	343.50	367.20	- 1.00	2.74
High Income	555.70	594.00†	- 1.00	3.59
High Yield	341.20	364.70	- 0.60	3.47

UNITED FRIENDLY UT TST MGMT LTD
01277 690 336

	Sell	Buy	+/-	Yld %
UK Eq Inc Acc #	399.37	424.86	- 1.62	4.01
UK Equity Gwth	435.00	462.77†	- 1.21	1.75
European	225.94	240.36†	+ 1.39	0.49
Nth American	114.02	121.30	+ 0.03	0.89
Far Eastern	79.52	84.60	+ 1.01	0.67
Money	74.49	74.49	+ 0.03	4.65
Fixed Interest #	86.18	91.45	+ 0.11	7.49
Index Linked Gilt	76.49	81.13	+ 0.10	1.18

VIRGIN DIRECT PFS LTD
0345 959595

	Sell	Buy	+/-	Yld %
Income Trust	109.40	109.40	+ 0.21	6.60
Pens Growth	122.64	122.64		
Pens Inc Protcr	108.09	108.09		
UK Index Tracking	159.21	159.21	- 0.04	2.40

WAVERLEY UNIT TST MGMT LTD
0161 831 7455

	Sell	Buy	+/-	Yld %
Australasian Gold	20.29	21.36†	+ 0.06	
Pacific Basin	34.95	36.79	+ 0.60	.
Global Bond (US$)	0.9051	0.9428†	+0.0016	.
Penny Share	47.05	49.53	+ 0.30	
Japan Smlr Cos	33.73	35.51	+ 0.08	

WHITTINGDALE UNIT TST MGMT LTD
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	Sell	Buy	+/-	Yld %
Shrt Dtd Gilt	129.00	130.40	+ 0.10	.
US Govt Bd (US$)	0.8068	0.8154	+0.0002	
Gilt Income	52.27	53.09	+ 0.02	6.30
Gilt Growth	82.89	84.20	+ 0.03	.
Sterling Bond	50.08	50.91†	+ 0.01	6.60

WOOLWICH UNIT TRUST MGRS LTD
0181 298 4000

	Sell	Buy	+/-	Yld %
Intl Mgd	66.23	70.35	+ 0.14	1.69
UK Stockmarket	123.90	131.60	+ 0.10	2.13
Corporate Bd Inc	49.53	49.64	+ 0.05	6.40
Do Accum	53.77	53.88	+ 0.05	6.40

Source: FT Information

* Yield expressed as CAR (Compound Annual Return) ‡ Ex dividend † Middle price: No significant data. # Periodic Charge deducted from capital. ⓔ Exit Charge.

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Modest falls in thin trading

TRADING PERIOD: Settlement takes place five business days after the day of trade. Changes are calculated on the previous day's close, but adjustments are made when a stock is ex-dividend. Changes, yields and *price/earnings ratios are based on middle prices.*

ALCOHOLIC BEVERAGES

1997 High	Low	Company	Price (p)	+/-	Yld %	P/E
490	407½	Allied Domecq	474½	- 1	5.7	14.2
626	410	Bulmer (HP)†	416½		4.4	11.6
75½	40½	Burn Stewart	45		8.2	11.5
1040	865	Glenmorangie A	975		1.7	24.1
631	435½	Grand Met	584½	+ 1½	3.2	18.8
627	424	Guinness	556½	+ ½	3.6	15.8
380	306½	Highland Dist	307½		3.4	14.4
336	231	Matthew Clark†	233		12.9	6.9
109½	52½	Merrydown Wt	60½		6.4	14.8
2009¾	1462½	SA Breweries	1861½	- 3½	2.1	

BANKS

1997 High	Low	Company	Price (p)	+/-	Yld %	P/E
1521½	918¾	ABN-AMRO	1278¾	- 25	2.5	17.9
971	710	Abbey Natl	871	- 4	4.0	14.3
662½	532½	Alliance & Leic†	647	- 6½	3.1	15.1
583	388½	Allied Irish	541½	+ 1½	3.4	15.4
488¼	363½	Aus New Z	461½	+ 4½	4.1	
4671½	2875	Bank America	4621¼	+ 28¾		
452	291½	Bank Scotland	430	- 3	2.4	13.1
1476½	978½	Barclays†	1462	- 1½	2.9	13.9
784	517½	Bk of Ireland	724½	- 1½	2.7	16.0
9826¾	6006¼	Citicorp	8253¾	- 9¾		
1758¾	1268¾	Commerzbk	1693¼		2.8	
862½	558¾	Dai Ichi Kan Y	738¾	- 3¼	0.6	
4321½	2708¾	Deutsche Bk	3868¾	- 6¾	1.6	..
1300	759½	Espirito Santo	1287½	+ 3½	2.9	
947½	594½	Fuji Bank Y	775¾	+ 1¾	0.6	
2369¾	1272½	HSBC†	2041	+ 9½	2.8	16.5
2258½	1241	HSBC Hk†	1956	+ 4½	2.9	15.8
783	701½	Halifax	714	- 12	3.6	24.1
610	483½	Irish Perm†	585		2.6	16.2
783½	424	Lloyds TSB†	739	- 8½	2.4	21.5
912¾	669½	Nat Aust Bk	897¼	+ 13½	4.6	12.1
896½	663½	Nat West†	823½	+ 5	4.6	13.0
666	508	Ryl Bk Scot	605½	- 4½	4.0	13.0
1093½	681	Stand Chart†	797½	- 11	2.4	13.9
£164¾	£164¾	Wells Fargo	£164¾		2.0	
397¾	315½	Westpac	358¾	+ 3	4.1	
373½	284	Woolwich†	316	- ½	3.1	18.7

BREWERIES, PUBS & REST

1997 High	Low	Company	Price (p)	+/-	Yld %	P/E
878½	717½	Bass	837½	- 7	3.8	15.7
68¼	43¼	Bk for the Bar†	55	+ 1¼	4.1	
205	142½	Boddington Brw	153½		4.9	14.3
155½	121½	City Centre Rest†	145	+ ½	2.2	22.5
744½	586	Compass Gp	600	- 1	1.9	22.0
305	250	Eldridge P 'A'	287½		2.4	15.9
485	412	Fuller Sm 'A'	417½	+ 4	3.0	14.5
586	422½	Greenalls Grp	476½	+ 6	4.2	11.8
770	642	Greene King	710		2.9	19.4
237½	152½	Grosvenor Inns	155		5.3	
285	218½	Groupe Chez Ger	266½		1.4	26.2
298½	251	Hardy Hanson†	267½	- 1	5.1	11.9
2850	2675	Holt J	2687½		2.7	15.8
78	63	Ind Businesses†	67		3.0	10.7
357	327	Mansfield†	329		2.7	14.3
315½	252	Mitchells Butlers?	301½		3.3	10.5
615	502½	Morland	505		3.2	13.0
266½	210	Old Eng Pub	259½		1.0	33.4
47½	26½	Paramount	29			

1997 High	Low	Company	Price (p)	+/-	Yld %	P/E
390½	162½	Car Group	195	+ 6½	2.5	21.0
139½	117½	Caverdale†	133½	- 1	3.6	7.7
100	61½	Charles Sidney	65½	+ ½	6.1	9.2
59½	46½	Cook (DC)	47		6.6	6.1
121	80½	Dag Motors	97½		9.9	7.2
134½	102½	Dewhurst	102½		3.4	9.4
400	217	Diploma	237½	+ 7	7.6	9.0
494	387½	Electrocomponents†	492½	+ 14	2.0	27.8
226½	117½	Eurodis Elec	139½		4.7	26.6
97½	76½	European Mot	90		7.8	6.0
300	213	Evans Halshaw	297½		7.1	
53½	29½	Fife Indmar	47	+ 1½	0.3	7.6
392¼	312½	[illegible]	322½		2.8	16.4
34¼	24½	Gardiner	25¾	..	4.7	9.4
79¼	57½	Glenchewton†	68	..	2.9	11.1
110	82½	[illegible]	99½		3.9	16.6
15¾	11	HR Owen	13¾	..	0.0	12.4
103	20½	Hamlet†	22½			21
272½	232½	Harris (Philip)	267½		4.7	10.3
330	284½	Headlam	323½	+ 1	2.2	21.4
165	145	Hollies Intnl	165		4.9	13.5
240½	149½	ISA Intl†	150		2.5	11.7
308½	240½	Inchcape	270		4.9	16.5
72	49½	Jacks (Wm)	64½		4.4	10.0
311	214½	Kwik-Fit	298	+ ½	2.3	21.4
454½	316½	Lex Service	445	+ ½	4.6	13.4
122	100	Lookers†	101		9.9	7.2
9	5¾	Middlecox	7½	- ¼	1.7	13.2
41½	10½	Minstrels	16	+ ½	3.8	3.3
472	180	Norbain†	233	- 1	4.6	7.8
166½	113½	Northumbr	138½		1.3	8.3
352¾	305¾	Partco	318½		3.2	16.8
394½	254½	Pendragon†	274½	- ½	4.6	12.1
223½	172½	Perry Gp	179¾		6.5	7.8
751	448	Premier Farnell	588½	+ 3½	2.8	20.0
152½	122½	Quick Group†	133½	+ 2¾	7.0	8.4
357	307½	REA†	327½	- 1½	1.5	40.4
2½	1¼	Reece	1½			59.2
29	12½	Renson	18½	..	1.7	
4	1¾	Ross Gp	2½			
109½	78½	Ryland	86½		5.8	15.5
38	24	SEP Indt	26½		7.3	12.2
92½	30	Sabre	33½		4.5	
415½	283½	Time Products	295½		5.7	11.3
347	200½	Tricol Motor Grp†	205	+ ½	7.3	11.5
338	228	UNECO	333½	+ 14½	2.1	21.7
86½	58	United Ocean Gp	83½	+ ½		18.1
252½	267½	Vardy (Reg)†	282½		3.3	13.5
685	498½	WF Elect	600		3.2	30.2
41	25¼	Wichard†	29		9.7	8.2
172½	111½	Wyko	154½	- 2	2.5	
155½	119½	Young (H)	155		3.5	13.2

DIVERSIFIED INDUSTRIALS

1997 High	Low	Company	Price (p)	+/-	Yld %	P/E
492½	327½	Anglo-Indian?	400	..	1.6	21.1
326	232	Ascot Hldgs	247½		2.6	41.3
917	769½	Broken Hill	787½	+ 15	3.0	18.6
289	180½	BTR	218½	+ ½	5.5	9.4
601½	462	BAT†	528½	- 1½	6.1	11.3
60½	50½	Brierley Inv	51¼	+ 1	9.3	8.4
266	192	Cookson	260½	+ ½	4.3	16.1
229½	197½	Cosalt	198½		6.5	8.6
402½	255½	DCC	400		2.2	14.9
312½	243½	Gallaher	272	- 3½	8.8	10.4
141	115½	Grampian Hldgt	135½		5.6	11.8
140½	101½	Hanson Credit	111½	- ½	10.1	10.6
667¼	423½	Hutch Whampo	597¼	+ 15¼	1.7	24.0
438½	362	Imperial Tob	389½	- 1	6.4	7.8
512¼	331	Jardine Math	500½	- 2¾	3.2	

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More restrictions on the press? Yes, say **Neil Addison** and **Tim Lawson-Cruttenden**; no, says a QC

How can victims fight back?

SIMON TOWNSLEY

The death of Diana, Princess of Wales, has reopened the debate on possible curbs on the press. But the debate's focus is on a possible privacy law — which misses the point.

The real problem is harassment and the inability of victims to curb intrusive photographers. Proper journalism may involve breaches in privacy in the legitimate public interest, but there is no legitimate public interest in anyone being subjected to obsessive hounding by photographers.

Before new legislation is introduced, it would be worth waiting to see whether the new Protection from Harassment Act can be used to deal with this problem. The Act was introduced to deal with the highly publicised stalking problem but has the potential to cover a wide range of situations including intrusive journalism. Last March the Princess was reported as hoping that the Act would help to curb some of the excesses of intrusive photographers. It is perhaps part of her tragedy that on August 30 crucial parts of the Act had still not been brought into force.

The Act creates two criminal offences: a summary offence of causing harassment, alarm and distress on two occasions, which carries a potential sentence of six months' imprisonment, and a more serious offence of causing fear of violence on two occasions, carrying a potential sentence of five years' imprisonment. The Act provides a defence that the actions complained of were "reasonable". It is likely that a legitimate press photographer acting in accordance with the journalists' code of conduct would always be acting reasonably, but the type of photographers who chased the Princess on motorcycles or who took photographs of Cherie Blair in her nightie would certainly not be acting "reasonably".

These offences came into force on June 16 but there are difficulties in their enforcement. To arrest the alleged harasser, the police must be able to prove beyond reasonable doubt that two separate incidents of harassment occurred. That is not easy unless the police officer has an individual personal involvement in a particular case. In the case of harassment by journalists-photographers there is also a natural caution on the part of the police, who want to avoid accusations of press censorship. Consequently, the criminal parts of the Act will probably not be very effective in dealing with intrusive press photographers.

In this respect, the Act's more relevant part is Section 3, which relates to injunctions but which has not been brought fully into force. It makes harassment a tort and allows courts to grant injunctions to prevent it.

However, this on its own does not particularly improve the existing law because injunctions to prevent harassment have been obtainable since a 1995 case, *Burris v Azadani*. The problem is enforcing the injunctions.

Breach of an injunction, including an anti-harassment injunction, is punishable as a contempt of court. But police have power neither to enforce an injunction nor to arrest anyone breaking any of an injunction's terms. So all too often injunctions can be ignored by harassers and stalkers. The consultation exercise undertaken before the Act came into force highlighted this as a major problem in dealing with harassing behaviour. The Act therefore introduced the unique idea of making breach of an anti-harassment injunction a criminal offence punishable with up to five years' jail. This will give the police the power to arrest an offender when an anti-harassment injunction is breached. Also, anyone involved in encouraging the harasser (including news editors who bought their pictures) could potentially be prosecuted as an aider and abetter. The Government plans to bring this part of the Act into force next month.

Making breach of injunctions a criminal offence may be unprecedented in English law but is common in many other jurisdictions. Section 127 of Canada's Criminal Code, for example, makes breach of any court order a criminal offence and there are similar provisions in the laws of most American states.

In California local authorities and police have successfully co-operated to use public nuisance injunctions to curb criminal gangs terrorising neighbourhoods.

One of the advantages of proceeding by injunctions in the first instance is that the arguments as to whether the alleged harasser is acting reasonably or not can be properly explored by the civil court and a judgment made balancing the respective rights of the alleged harasser and the alleged victim. Unlike a criminal trial, which concentrates on whether a person's past actions were illegal, a civil court can look at the more straightforward question of whether behaviour is acceptable and should be allowed to continue. The police are merely enforcing a court decision instead of making the initial judgment themselves.

Until the provisions of the Act relating to injunctions are brought into force victims of harassment may have to consider bringing private criminal prosecutions in order to obtain a Restraining Order. Another unique aspect of the Act is that restraining orders are in effect injunctions made by the criminal conviction under Sections 2 or 4, making them more difficult to obtain than injunctions.

There are always dangers in considering legislation in response to tragedies such as the death of the Princess and in this case, immediate changes in the law are probably unnecessary. The courts are capable of providing a workable anti-harassment law without further legislation. The real problem with paparazzi, as with stalkers, is ensuring that court orders are effective and can be enforced, and the legal framework already exists for this to be done. The remaining parts of the Act should be implemented — without delay.

● *Neil Addison, a barrister, and Tim Lawson-Cruttenden, a solicitor-advocate, are co-authors of* Blackstone's Guide to the Protection from Harassment Act 1997, *price £14.95.*

THE 1997 ACT

Protection from Harassment Act 1997

IN FORCE FROM JUNE 16

SECTION 2 makes harassment on two occasions a criminal offence. The sentence is up to six months' imprisonment and a restraining order.

☐ S4 makes causing a fear of violence on two occasions a *criminal offence*, sentence up to five years' jail and a restraining order.

☐ S5 allows *criminal* courts to make a restraining order after a conviction under ss2 or 4. Breach of the order is punishable with up to five years' imprisonment.

☐ Ss3(1) & 3(2) allow civil *courts to make injunctions* preventing future harassment.

NOT YET IN FORCE

SECTIONS 3(3) to 3(9) makes breach of an anti-harassment injunction a criminal office, carrying a sentence of up five years' jail: also introduces a police power of arrest.

Resist pressure for a rushed law

In March this year, I represented Diana, Princess of Wales, in industrial tribunal proceedings in Croydon brought by a former employee who was claiming unfair dismissal. I saw the Princess in conference and she decided not to attend the hearing.

A large number of journalists (not previously known for their interest in employment law) were present inside and outside the tribunal in the hope that she would appear. On leaving the building after the case was settled, I found it a disturbing, and puzzling, experience to be surrounded and jostled by dozens of photographers taking hundreds of pictures of the representatives and advisers of the Princess getting into a taxi and driving off.

I would be very surprised if any of those photographs was ever published. Perhaps some of the photographers hoped that the Princess's barrister or solicitor might punch one of them on the nose, and so create a story. To live under that pressure constantly must be intolerable. But does the law need to be amended to confer greater protection on public figures to protect them from the press?

COUNSEL

DAVID PANNICK QC

English law already provides a remedy against the sort of harassment for which paparazzi journalists are responsible if it takes place in this country. Last year, the Princess of Wales obtained an injunction from the High Court against specific photographers to stop them from harassing her. The legal basis for her claim, the law of nuisance, was weakened earlier this year by a House of Lords decision — but that is academic because of the new Protection from Harassment Act 1997. This legislation makes it a criminal offence, punishable by imprisonment, for a person knowingly and unreasonably to pursue "a course of conduct which amounts to harassment of another". The Act also enables victims to seek the civil remedies of an injunction and damages. We will need to watch carefully how the Act is applied in practice (not all of it is yet in force). But the content of the new statute appears to address competing interests fairly and to provide effective remedies.

The harsh reality is that our law cannot, in practice, control the behaviour of journalists and photographers in France (a country which, in any event, has some of the strictest privacy laws in Europe). It has been suggested that newspaper editors should be required not to publish paparazzi pictures, so deterring such photographers from intruding into, and endangering, the lives of others abroad.

This is unrealistic. The paparazzi would be only mildly inconvenienced by the loss of the market in the United Kingdom for pictures which have a worldwide appeal. But it is also unsustainable in principle. Are we really to impose a statutory ban on photographs being published in the United Kingdom because of the circumstances in which they were obtained, even when the photographs were taken in a public place, and when the material may be seen by anyone with access to CNN television or a magazine such as *Paris Match*?

Nor is the case made out for enactment of a general right to privacy, prohibiting the publication of true information which concerns a matter which the individual wishes to keep confidential. The United Kingdom press, with editors subject to powerful laws relating to contempt of court, obscenity, breach of confidence, trespass, and libel, is one of the most strictly regulated in the Western world. There are already legal remedies for most serious invasions of privacy.

The press is also subject to the jurisdiction of the Press Complaints Commission (PCC), a self-regulating authority which works effectively to apply a code which prohibits intrusions into, and the publication of matters relating to, a person's private life except where this can be justified in the public interest.

Whether the public interest in a story outweighs the privacy of an individual is a difficult and sensitive issue. Other than in extreme circumstances, the law should leave such questions to be resolved by a self-regulating body composed of people with experience of the media as well as independent persons, rather than the courts.

Statutory regulation is unnecessary in this context for a further reason. The Government plans to incorporate the European Convention on Human Rights into domestic law. Article 8 guarantees the right to private life. But any complaint about an invasion of privacy needs to be considered by reference also to Article 10, which protects freedom of expression.

Maintaining a proper balance between these competing interests is not easy. Once the Convention is incorporated, the courts will be able to consider, on specific facts, whether the common law, and the rulings of the PCC, provide adequate safeguards, having regard to the importance of free speech.

Hard cases make bad law. The very worst type of law is that conceived as an emotional response to tragic events. Politicians should resist the temptation to legislate as a response to the death of the Princess.

● *The author is a practising barrister and a Fellow of All Souls College, Oxford.*

INS AND OUTS

Solicitors advance

CITY lawyers are used to American firms invading their territory by establishing UK practices and poaching high-flying British partners. But last week they began a new invasion — of the courts.

Arthur Marriott, QC, the British head of the New York firm Debevoise & Plimpton's London arbitration unit, has become the first of two solicitors to be appointed part-time deputy High Court judges.

Mr Marriott and Lawrence Collins, QC, Herbert Smith's head of litigation and arbitration, joined the elite band of 200 barrister deputy High Court judges. Their appointments as the first practising solicitors qualified to sit as judges in the High Court mark a second landmark for both men.

Earlier this year they became the first solicitors to be invited to take silk — a move that paved the way for last week's appointments, which are by invitation only and, according to the Lord Chancellor's Department, "are made from among the ranks of the most experienced and able practitioners". The two join Mr Justice Sachs, a full-time High Court judge, as the High Court's only solicitor judges.

The Lord Chancellor, Lord Irvine of Lairg, said last week that he wanted to "open up the ranks of the higher judiciary".

Last respects

A SOMBRE atmosphere prevailed in London's legal square mile last week. Befitting the mood of the nation in the run-up to the Princess of Wales's funeral on Saturday, Union Flags fluttered at half-mast above the Royal Courts of Justice in The Strand and at the Law Society's headquarters in Chancery Lane. The Inns of Court were quiet, as they usually are at this time of the year. The Lord Chancellor also advised courts sitting on Saturday to observe the one *minute's silence*.

Open season

THE new Open University first law course, set up with the College of Law, looks like being a hit not just with UK students but also with those on the Continent, for whom places have been specifically reserved.

Slapper: registrations rising

Dr Gary Slapper, the programme's new director, says registrations are rising so quickly that the course may also be run in Paris, Zurich and Brussels. "OU students usually go on to exercise great influence in their chosen fields," he says, " and that seems likely with law." The first course is due to start in February. For details, phone 01908 653449.

50 years on

THE Chief Justice of India, the Mr Justice J.S. Verma, will be expanding on the Indian legal experience in the 50 years since independence in a lecture at the *Institute of Advanced Legal Studies* in Russell Square, London tonight.

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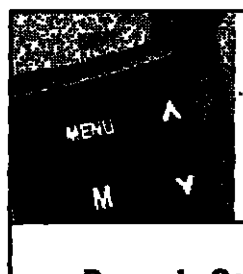

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Rises and falls in the housing market have brought problems for solicitors. Now they have some good news about claims from lenders who lost out

Wanda Barry welcomes a ruling that solicitors cannot be made responsible for lenders' losses

Risk returns to its rightful owner

The revival of the property market brings chastening memories for many solicitors. In the late 1980s, when the market collapsed, many building societies and others who had lent enthusiastically in the boom years were left unable to recover sums due under their mortgages when borrowers defaulted.

This sparked a flood of claims against solicitors as lenders sought alternative means of recovering their losses. Various adverse court rulings left the profession feeling that it was being made the scapegoat by an industry all too eager to lend to almost anyone who could fill in an application form, on the basis that property prices would continue to rise. If a borrower defaulted, the mortgaged property could be sold to recover the debt.

But a recent Court of Appeal decision in *National Home Loans Corporation v Giffen Couch & Archer* has, for the time being, put an end to hundreds of actions pending in the courts and lifted a multimillion-pound bill for the Solicitors Indemnity Fund (SIF).

The case concerned the information that solicitors should have provided about their client-borrowers to the mortgage company. National Home Loans Corporation said that its solicitors had not informed it that the borrowers, to whom it had offered a loan by way of remortgage, were in arrears with their existing mortgage.

NHL had not known about the arrears because it had not carried out the usual inquiries. In the late 1980s, NHL adopted a "self-certification" policy under which it allowed borrowers to sign a declaration that they were not in arrears with their existing mortgage and did not obtain independent confirmation. It was a policy aimed at increasing market share.

The borrowers defaulted and NHL eventually realised its security was suffering a loss because of the fall in the value of the property. It sued for and recovered that loss from the solicitors, who were found negligent in not reporting the arrears.

At the original hearing, although the judge accepted that the solicitors had complied with NHL's written instructions, he found them in breach of a wider, general duty to report the arrears. He found that NHL's self-certification policy was not negligent, although it might have been imprudent.

The decision created widespread concern within the profession. Its effect was that solicitors could not rely on the lender's written instructions to identify matters that needed to be reported. Even if they complied, they could be held liable for not reporting facts that the lender had not identified as being relevant.

Solicitors had to place themselves in the position of a lender to decide what might be relevant to a lending decision. However, solicitors cannot be expected to know, beyond matters of title, what a lender might consider relevant.

One of the ironies of the judgment was that if, in performing this exercise, the solicitors placed themselves in the position of the imprudent, albeit not negligent, lender, as in this case, they would be found liable to the lender; solicitors became underwriters of the losses suffered by lenders who adopted risky lending policies, in order to increase their market share.

The Court of Appeal has now reversed the decision, finding that the judge had overlooked the principle that the extent of the duty of a solicitor depends on the terms of the retainer. Any implied duty must be related to what the solicitor has been instructed to do.

NHL provided detailed instructions specifying the things it wanted to know. NHL, as an experienced commercial lender, was best placed to instruct its solicitors on any facts it considered relevant to its decision to lend. NHL had made no inquiry about the conduct of the borrowers' existing mortgage and, therefore, it was not a matter that could be said to have been relevant to its decision.

The Court of Appeal decision is a victory for common sense. It recognises that solicitors are not lenders and it has, quite properly, restored to the lender responsibility for investigating the financial position of the borrower and for informing its solicitors of factors it considers relevant to its lending decision. What may be relevant to one lender will not necessarily be relevant to another, as lenders adopt different policies and market different products.

The decision brings to a halt the substantial number of pending actions brought by NHL and other lenders on the same allegation, and comes as good news to solicitors. Hopefully, it will mark the beginning of the end of the bombardment of claims by lenders against solicitors as lenders face up to the hard, but obvious, fact that as commercial organisations, they must bear responsibility for the losses they incurred at the end of the property boom. In reality such losses were a result of risky lending policies, economic hardship suffered by borrowers and the property market crash.

The Court of Appeal's message could not have been more timely as, after a brief abandonment, some lenders begin again to offer self-certified loans and loans to those with poor credit histories.

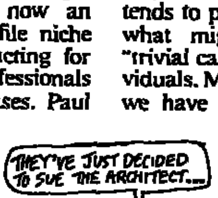
● *The author is a solicitor with Mills & Reeve.*

Paying attention to negligence

Litigation against professionals has increased, reports **Edward Fennell**

Bad news has been greeting solicitors arriving home from their holidays — their contributions to the Solicitors Indemnity Fund (SIF) must rise sharply. The fund provides compulsory insurance cover for the profession and many firms are having to increase their contributions by more than 50 per cent in order to meet a multimillion-pound shortfall.

But the solicitors are not the only group to face growing claims over professional negligence and there is now an increasingly high profile niche practice for lawyers acting for (and against) other professionals caught up in these cases. Paul Haggett of Salmon Burges, a Bristol firm, believes that solicitors have come rather later into the firing line. He says: "Accountants went through a difficult time in the early Nineties and so did valuers. Now it's the time for the solicitors."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Mr Haggett normally acts on behalf of plaintiffs in these cases but colleagues elsewhere in the firm act for defendants. Most of the best-known professional negligence practitioners are defendant-based and usually their work is linked to insurance practices. It is the insurance funds which, as the SIF case illustrates, pick up the tab for a professional's mistake and they are determined not to be taken for a ride.

Chris Lowney, an insurance specialist with Fishburn Boxer says: "I wouldn't suggest that the professions have become more incompetent. But in the aftermath of the recession there was a scattergun approach by plaintiffs who had suffered a loss. They were keen to sue everyone in sight."

Fishburn Boxer operates as the nominated lawyer for the RIBA Insurance Scheme, the architects' equivalent of the SIF. Mr Lowney's experience is that when a building deal, for example, goes wrong, the plaintiff will move against all the professionals — architects, surveyors, valuers and engineers — and then sit back and let them argue it out between themselves.

Identifying negligence is no easy task, so it is no wonder that demand for lawyers has multiplied in the corporate field. As Mr Lowney points out, however, there is no highly active "plaintiff bar" in the UK (as there is in the US) and the legal aid system tends to put barriers in front of what might be regarded as "trivial cases" launched by individuals. Mr Lowney says: "So far we have been saved from the worst excesses of the American experience."

Even so, many lawyers involved in this work will admit that the commercial pressures under which professionals work today have played a big part in the growth of litigation. John Hall, an insurance specialist with Cameron McKenna, acknowledges that in the field of valuation, there is a lot of "sloppy work". However, the rise of the property market from the 1970s onwards meant that these shortcomings were not exposed until the property crash of the early 1990s. Similarly, the competition for conveyancing work among solicitors meant that corners were cut in the early Nineties, with the inevitable consequences now seen in the SIF's shortfall in funds.

But as Julian Randall of Barlow Lyde and Gilbert, probably the leading firm nationally in professional negligence, points out, the expectations placed on professionals to "get it right" are sometimes unreasonable. "If a fraudster is determined to deceive his accountants it is very hard to stop him. And yet if the company then goes bust the accountant is expected to carry the can."

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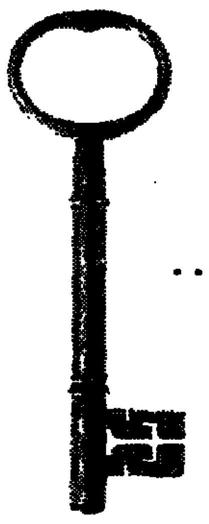

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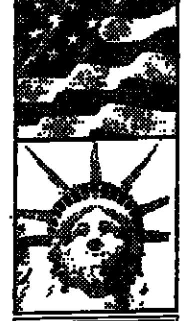

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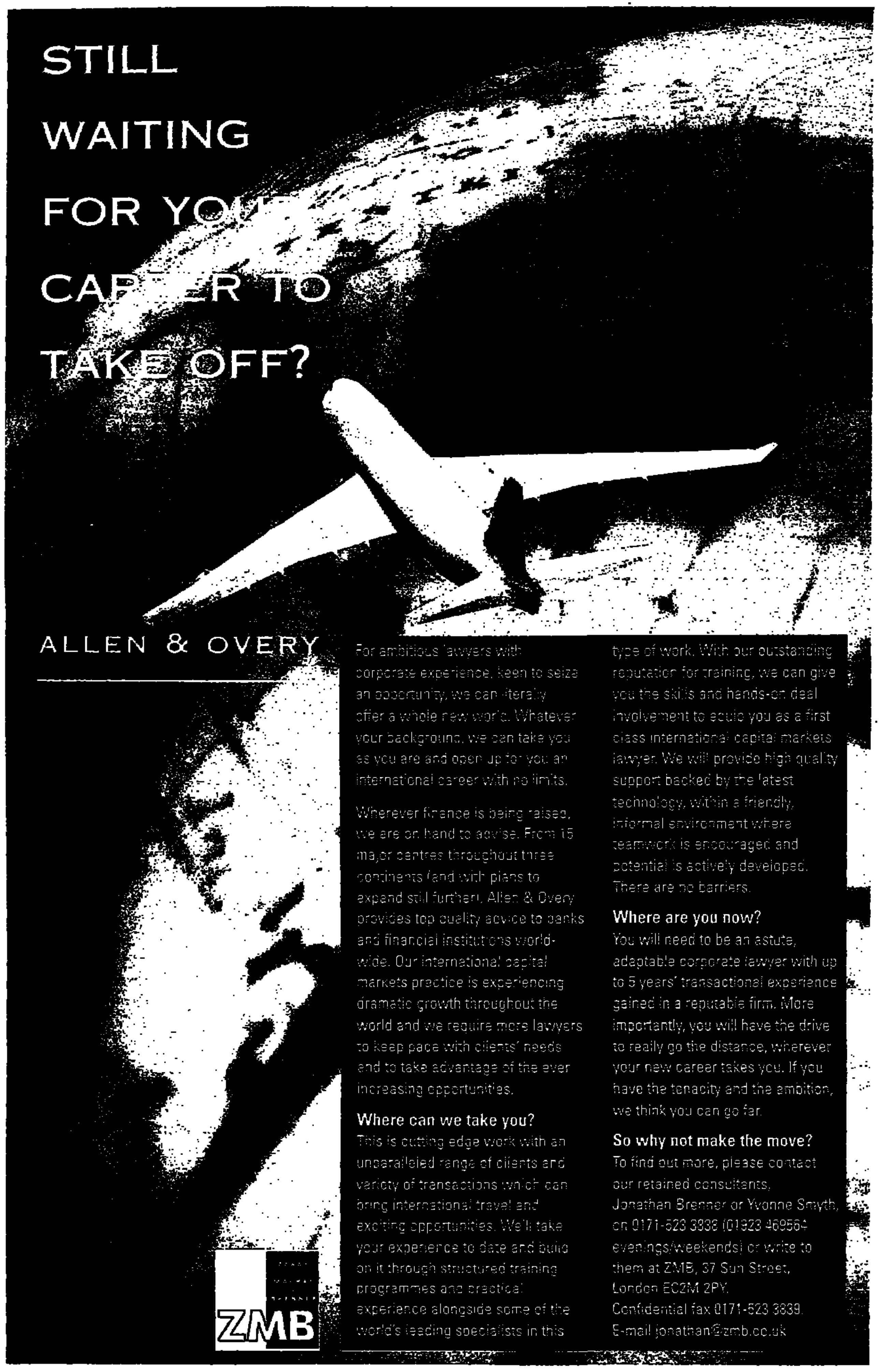

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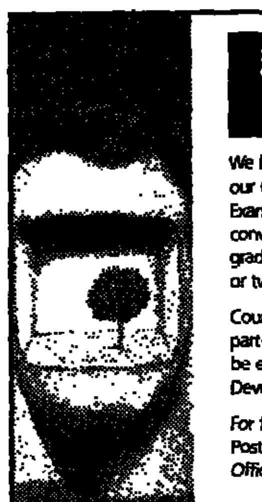

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Bank looks to extend seminars nationwide

By Brian Collett

SEMINARS introduced by Barclays Bank for small business customers have been extended to the whole of Britain.

The meetings, which were piloted in 1995 and held in a few areas last year, are organised by local branches. The format is left to the individual branch or group of branches, but there is often a speaker or a subject for discussion, followed by an exchange of ideas and networking between participants.

Lorraine Williams, Barclays's manager of small business services, said: "The seminars enhance relationships with the business support organisations and act as a network for those who are starting up — they have been helped by talking to established people who are in the same boat."

Many of the seminars are free, but there is a small charge for those that are expensive to stage — because they have a celebrated speaker, for example.

All the seminars are heavily subsidised by the bank. Some are held during the day and others in the evening. One London group has just started a programme of breakfast meetings.

Douglas Barlsford, head of small business for the Mayfair group of 14 branches, has held two seminars this year so far but is planning one or even two a month for the rest of the year.

His area takes in the West End and the Central London shopping streets, which probably have the greatest concentration of small retail outlets in Britain.

Mr Barlsford said: "We keep the seminars semi-formal so that we can look at a subject important to small business people. They go away more educated, and network afterwards."

He added: "We even find that not everybody is aware of the small business help organisations."

The subjects for the Mayfair seminars include business planning, financial control, tax self-assessment and starting up.

Mr Barlsford has already held one seminar with members of the UK 200 group, the accountancy professionals' body, and is holding two more with them before the end of the year.

Carving a niche market for the millennium

David Askham meets a man whose hobby became his work

DAVID ASKHAM

Heart of oak: Glyn Mould carving a new village sign for Stow-cum-Quy, near Cambridge

Glyn Mould is a talented young craftsman, based in the East Midlands, who has found a niche market for commemorative village and town signs to mark the millennium.

Carved pictorial village signs were popularised in the 1960s and 1970s by the late Harry Carter, a Norfolk schoolmaster. Mr Mould discovered that many East Anglian originals had deteriorated through lack of maintenance and he was commissioned to restore some.

That led him to market his skills and win orders from parish councils for new original carved village signs. His marketing initiative coincided with the search by many village communities for a suitable souvenir to commemorate the beginning of the new millennium. A carved sign depicting characteristic features of a village's history has much appeal and relevance. Furthermore, depending on its complexity, a new village or town-twinning sign is usually well within a community budget.

To minimise future maintenance bills, Mr Mould chooses materials carefully. For example, he applies lead capping to top edges, and to the back if a sign is single-sided, to protect his product from the weather. He consults the councils and drafts a design for their approval.

Mr Mould has been working from his workshop for 15 years and has produced bespoke carving for eminent clients. Commissions have included a family coat of arms for a retired knight of industry, a commemorative plaque for the Shire Horse Society, and restoration work at Burghley House and the Palace of Westminster.

The late Geoffrey Hamilton, presenter of *Gardeners' World*, was so impressed with the decoration of a gazebo in one of his show gardens that he commissioned Mr Mould to design and carve an oak door for his new porch. Four panels are filled with deep relief pictures of garden scenes, including many of Mr Hamilton's favourite subjects.

Operating in an workshop in a former village chapel in Woodnewton, Northamptonshire, Mr Mould also trains students. "I teach woodcarving to a wide range of people, male and female, from 12 to 75 years," he said. "Most come to me having never carved wood in their lives and it is rewarding to see the beautiful objects they create." Many evening class students return year after year. Several are retired and seek a creative activity for their leisure time.

The Enterprise Allowance Scheme helped to launch his business. He also received help from Cosira (forerunner of the Rural Development Commission), which assisted with exhibitions. Mr Mould also received free advice from a marketing expert assigned by Peterborough Business Link.

"If I succeed with my marketing, the increased volume of work would enable me to hire additional craftsmen. Already I sub-contract some aspects to specialists, such as painters. That leaves me with more time to design and carve the signs."

Glyn Mould is on 01780 470866

Environmental group seeks partnerships with local authorities

By Brian Collett

AN ENVIRONMENTAL scheme aimed at employees of small and medium-sized companies in the South London borough of Merton may go nationwide. The Environment Council, a national business organisation that encourages green practices, is receiving backing for the first time from a local authority — Merton Borough Council — for its Conservers at Work scheme.

It now expects to form similar partnerships with other local authorities throughout the country.

Under the scheme, employees are asked to adopt simple environmental procedures such as disposing of oil safely instead of pouring it into a drain, switching off computers when not in use, and keeping heating to a comfortable minimum. Dropping room temperature by one degree Celsius can cut fuel bills by between 6 and 10 per cent.

The scheme is a further indication that small businesses and business advisers are taking environmental issues seriously. Business Pages, the telephone directory publisher, has just produced a guide to environmental issues giving advice for small businesses.

It points out that there is a legal obligation on everyone to dispose of waste in a responsible manner and advises companies to keep waste bagged or in containers that are safe from leakage, theft, vandals, animals and scavengers.

The factsheet says: "It is your responsibility to check that the person handling your waste is authorised to dispose of, treat or store the waste and holds an appropriate licence. If in doubt, check with your local Environment Agency about licensed waste contractors in your area." Breaching duty of care is a criminal offence, with fines of up to £5,000 from magistrates and unlimited fines in the Crown Court.

A consignment note from the agency is required for the disposal of special wastes such as oils, acids, industrial solvents and pesticides. The Business Pages factsheet is available free on 0117 982 2005.

Also encouraging green attitudes, a new NatWest brochure points out that switching off a personal computer overnight and at weekends could save £180 a year and cut carbon dioxide emissions.

Personal Computers and Energy Management lists measures covering simple maintenance and lighting and computer use, which NatWest says have saved more than £1,000 per branch annually.

☐ Views on the landfill tax and other possible waste taxation are to be discussed in a seminar at the annual meeting on September 24 of Waste Watch, the recycling agency partly funded by the Environment Department. Some small businesses are critical of the landfill tax, under which they are charged according to the amount of waste they produce. Ring 0171-248 1818.

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☐ The number of business start-ups in England and Wales totalled 270,000 in the first half of the year, an 11 per cent rise on the comparable period last year, Barclays Bank says. Closures totalled 227,000, a 15 per cent drop on last year, when closures outnumbered start-ups. The figures exclude businesses started on a part-time basis by people continuing in employment.

☐ Companies with turnovers of less than £1 million have reported that, on average, payments are now 26 days overdue. The figure, for the second quarter of 1997, was up from 22 in the previous quarter, says the latest financial trends survey from Trade Indemnity, the credit insurance company. In a sample of 679 companies, however, delays were down from 22 to 21 days.

☐ A free guide to start-ups has been produced by Moore Stephens, the chartered accountant. Call Gill French on 01483 538881.

☐ A law allowing small businesses to make criminals pay for the window bars and cameras needed to deter or catch them has been proposed to the Government by the Forum of Private Business. It has discussed details with the Home Office and the police.

☐ The Budget scrapping of tax credits for pension funds has persuaded many small and medium-sized firms to run money purchase schemes rather than final salary schemes, FPS Trustee, a pensions trustee company, has found.

☐ About half the financial directors of the UK's small and medium-sized companies take work on holiday, a report by Reed Accountancy Personnel says. A holiday, Reed says, provides the opportunity for many to mop up work for which they could not find time.

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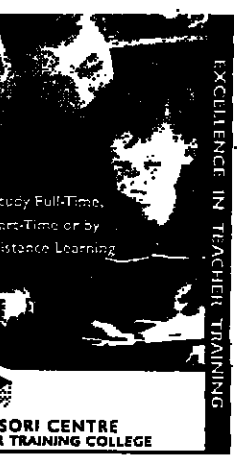

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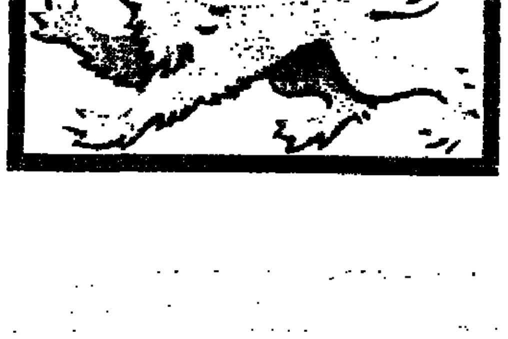

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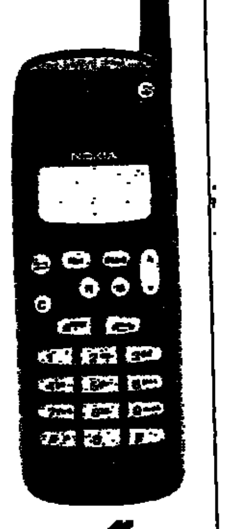

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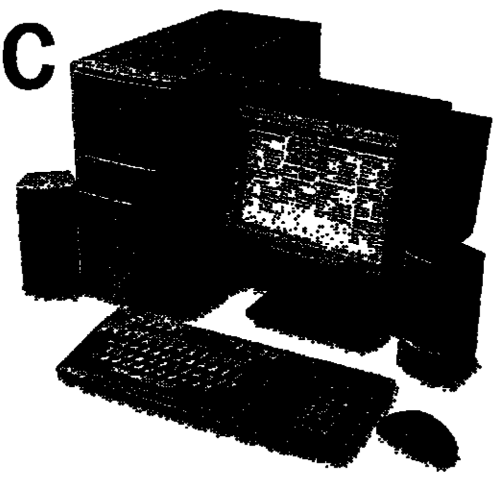

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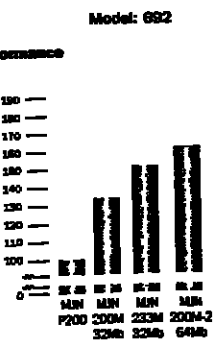

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The worst day of my career as an umpire

In the second extract from his new autobiography **Dickie Bird** recalls with a shudder the disastrous Saturday of the 1980 Centenary Test at Lord's

PATRICK EAGAR

The captains and umpires consult — left to right, Botham, Chappell, Bird and Constant

What should have been one of the proudest occasions in my career provided me, instead, with the worst day of my life as an umpire. The date is engraved on my mind — Saturday August 30, 1980, the third day of the Centenary Test between England and Australia at Lord's.

The problems resulted from the fact that on the Friday we had torrential rain. Although we played for most of that Friday, later on the ground was awash as the heavens opened. Spectators were actually diving in and swimming at the Tavern side of the ground.

It was still chucking it down when we arrived early on the Saturday morning, but it finally stopped at about 9.30. The clouds began to part to reveal lovely blue sky, and it was a glorious day from then on. However, it was impossible to resume play before lunch because the lower end of the square down to the Tavern was absolutely saturated. The area was not only wet, but muddy as well, which made it extremely dangerous, and if somebody had been badly injured because we had played on it, everyone would have blamed the umpires.

> 'The lower end of the square down to the Tavern was completely saturated'

One way we could have made an earlier start was to put matting on the problem area, and Conny and I suggested this to the two captains, Ian Botham and Greg Chappell.

Greg said, "If it will help you two lads to get the game started then I will go along with that," but Both disagreed, believing his players *might receive a serious injury if* their spikes got caught in the matting. So the idea was scotched, delaying us further. There was nothing for it but to keep making inspections and hoping that conditions would improve quickly.

Meanwhile, the crowd was becoming more and more restless, and hurled abuse at us, which was very unsettling and slightly unnerving. We bit our tongues, took everything that was thrown at us, and did all in our power to get the game going as soon as we possibly could. Eventually we said to the two captains, "Come on, lads, we can't keep going on like this, we've got to make a start. Let's give it a go in another 15 minutes." Billy Griffith, who was then president of MCC and a great man for cricket, had been in and out of the dressing-room all day, and he agreed that we should give it a try.

We had just arrived at that decision when the trouble started. It was 3.30 and I thought we had done well to be able to resume play 15 minutes after that, considering the amount of water that had been on the ground.

I was still out in the middle with the groundsman, Jim Fairbrother, when I noticed that there appeared to be a bit of a rumpus around the members' enclosure, although at the time I was not sure what was going on. I walked back into the pavilion a few minutes later with the crowd still shouting abuse at me, but I was never physically assaulted.

I was deeply shocked when I reached the dressing-room and saw the state of David Constant. He was very dishevelled and he was in a state of distress. He told me that he had been grabbed by the tie and pushed and jostled in an ugly scene that was more reminiscent of a football terrace than the members' enclosure at Lord's. He was clearly very dispirited and depressed, and when I heard his story I felt the same. It hurt me that so much abuse had been directed at me, but even that was nothing compared to what Conny had suffered. We both sat there with tears in our eyes. I have never experienced anything like that anywhere in the world, not even at Headingley!

I became angrier still when I read the newspapers the following *morning. A typical report claimed,* "In the Long Room at Lord's, the temple of cricket, Ian Botham and Dickie Bird were both struck on the head in angry scuffles as frustrated spectators waited for play to begin in the rain-battered Centenary Test."

That is absolute rubbish. I was never struck. I was never manhandled. Nobody came to check the facts with me.

Writing in *The Sunday Times*, Robin Marlar was very critical, and very wrong, alleging, "It is my opinion that the fussiness of the two umpires, Bird and Constant, was wholly responsible for the ugly mood which developed. There was no justification for their concern with the bowlers' run-up at the *Pavilion End, nor for the area 20 yards towards the Tavern.*"

Mr Marlar does not know what he is talking about in this instance. Just take note of what the two captains had to say.

First of all, Greg Chappell: "When we arrived early in the morning for practice, the covers were down on the best part, but elsewhere on the square it was uncovered and very wet. If you had walked on those old wickets you would have been bogged down ankle-deep. It certainly was not fit for play then. We saw it again, with the umpires, at about 3.30, and at that stage it was fairly playable."

He added: "The umpires were keen to start. I felt we were let down by the groundsmen for not covering the square in advance and not doing enough to dry it out. If there had been more sawdust and more work we could probably have started two hours earlier."

Botham said, "When we first saw it, it was a mudbath, and obviously unplayable for quite some time. At 3.30 the outfield was quite a lot better, but the square was still unfit. It was muddy. Even when we started, a cricket boot still made a heavy impression through the sawdust and mud. You cannot blame the umpires. It was a cock-up and people are trying to make them the scapegoats."

It was Chappell who reported the incident in the members' enclosure to Jack Bailey, the MCC secretary, and pointed out two alleged culprits. However, after taking them to his office, Bailey said he was satisfied that they were either the wrong people, or that nothing serious had taken place. "I am convinced," Bailey said, "that these two people did not assault anybody. At the time members were getting slightly heated and frustrated with waiting. I can only suppose that a lot of them were around and pushing forward."

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Constant finds a moment for reflection in the heat of battle

Clearly an assault of some kind had taken place on David Constant, however, and it was also alleged that Botham had been struck on the back of the head.

The press, bless 'em, also had a go at my old mate, Geoff Boycott. Australia had made 386 in their opening knock, England replying with 205, and the Aussies then declared their second innings at 180 for four, leaving England with 360 to win. When England finished up on 244 for four, people looked at all those wickets in hand and claimed that England could have won it had Boycott not been too slow. They said he should have got a move on and gone for the runs.

I felt that Boycott saved that Test for England, however. He made a magnificent unbeaten 120 after the first three wickets had fallen quite cheaply, and it is my opinion that Australia would have won if they had got him out. Dennis Lillee obviously agreed with me. After he had whipped out the first three England batsmen he said to me, "If I get your mate Boycott out, Dickie, you'll be back up that motorway to Yorkshire in next to no time." Yet the crowd booed Boycott and the press crucified him.

His was one of three magnificent centuries in that match, which, after all the trouble, developed into a very good Test. Kim Hughes made 117 and Graeme Wood 112 for the Aussies. There was also some fine bowling from Lillee (four for 43 in the first innings) and Len Pascoe (five for 59), and England's Chris Old (three for 91 and three for 47).

If we could turn the clock back, knowing what we know now, Conny and I might well say, this is a very special occasion, so we're going to play, and that's it. If a player gets injured, he gets injured. That's the risk, and we have to take the responsibility. But it was a very sad day all round, and it included the blackest hour of my career.

There was one touching moment after the match when Dennis Lillee came up to me with a parcel. He said: "This is for you, Dickie, but I don't want you to open it until you get home." I nursed it carefully all the way back to Barnsley and as soon as I got inside my cottage I tore off the wrapping. Inside I found Lillee's official touring tie with a message which read: "Going back to Australia with an open-neck shirt. You can have my tie because you are a great guy and we all think you are a fair umpire." It was signed "Dennis Lillee". Of all my mementoes, that tie and that message are something I treasure as much as anything. It meant so much to me — coming from an Aussie!

● *Extracted from* My Autobiography *by Dickie Bird, published by Hodder and Stoughton on September 18 at £17.99.*

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CENTENARY TEAMS

ENGLAND

Graham Gooch	(Essex)
Geoffrey Boycott	(Yorkshire)
Bill Athey	(Yorkshire)
David Gower	(Leicestershire)
Mike Gatting	(Middlesex)
Ian Botham	(Somerset)
Peter Willey	(Northamptonshire)
David Bairstow	(Yorkshire)
John Emburey	(Middlesex)
Chris Old	(Yorkshire)
Mike Hendrick	(Derbyshire)

AUSTRALIA

Bruce Laird	(Western Australia)
Graeme Wood	(Western Australia)
Greg Chappell	(Queensland)
Kim Hughes	(Western Australia)
Graham Yallop	(Victoria)
Allan Border	(New South Wales)
Rodney Marsh	(Western Australia)
Dennis Lillee	(Western Australia)
Ashley Mallett	(South Australia)
Ray Bright	(Victoria)
Len Pascoe	(New South Wales)

TOMORROW

Hilarious and hair-raising stories from my umpiring career

SHEEHAN on BRIDGE

By Robert Sheehan, Bridge Correspondent

This hand from a recent Gold Cup match produced one of the strangest results I have seen for a long time:

Dealer East **North-South game** **IMPs**

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            ♠4
            ♥A54
            ♦AKQ3
            ♣K10952
♠A10763              ♠Q5
♥K10983      N       ♥Q762
♦5         W   E     ♦8
♣63          S       ♣AQJ874
            ♠KJ982
            ♥J
            ♦J1097642
            ♣—
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In one room East opened One Club, South passed and West responded One Spade. He then passed his partner's rebid of Two Clubs. North, in the protective seat was not well placed to take action. A diamond lead and club switch allowed East to finesse and play the queen of hearts. North won and continued clubs which allowed East time to discard the losing spade on a heart. Making 110 seemed an excellent result.

In the other room South didn't bid either and when West continued with Two Hearts over Two Clubs East raised to Four Hearts. North understandably started with a high diamond rather than a club and the contract made.

Thus in both rooms North-South passed throughout with Six Diamonds a good contract on their cards. If they manage to get there after East has opened One Club and West has responded One Spade, the fortunate fall of the queen of spades provides the twelfth trick, to go with one heart and ten trump tricks.

However, say West leads a heart. Declarer wins and plays a spade to the nine. West switches to a trump. Now declarer ruffs a spade leaving himself with KJ8. If East follows small on the second round, declarer is still all right. West is certain to have started with five spades — with four he would have had longer hearts and so responded in that suit. Thus declarer can develop an extra spade by taking ruffing finesses through West's AQ7.

☐ The National Swiss Teams Final, held in Leeds at the weekend, was won by the Warwickshire team of John Collings, Martin Jones, Steve Green and Graham Link.

☐ For details of *The Times* Midland Private Banking National Bridge Challenge, call the organisers on 0181-942 9506.

☐ Robert Sheehan writes on bridge Monday to Friday in Sport and in the Weekend section on Saturday.

KEENE on CHESS

By Raymond Keene
Chess Correspondent

Last minute

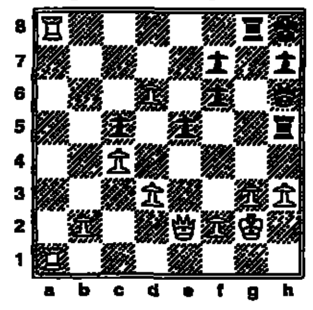
Grandmaster Michael Adams needed to win in the final round of this year's Smith & Williamson British championship at Hove in order to catch up to the leaders and force his way into the play-off. His opponent in this crucial game was grandmaster Tony Kosten. After a quiet opening, Adams succeeded in inflicting *wide-ranging pawn weaknesses* on the black camp, and then penetrated with a forceful sacrifice of rook for bishop, which Black declined. In spite of this, the crumbling black fortifications were no match for White's invading army.

White: Michael Adams
Black: Tony Kosten
Smith & Williamson British championship, August 1997

Ruy Lopez

1	e4	e5
2	Nf3	Nc6
3	Bb5	a6
4	Ba4	Nf6
5	0-0	Be7
6	Re1	b5
7	Bb3	0-0
8	h3	Bb7
9	d3	d6
10	a3	Qd7
11	Nc3	Rae8
12	Nd5	Na5
13	Nxe7+	Qxe7
14	Ba2	c5
15	Nh4	Nc6
16	c3	Bc8
17	Bg5	Kh8
18	Bd5	Nd8
19	Nf5	Qc7
20	Bxf6	gxf6
21	Qf3	Rg8
22	g3	Ne6
23	Kh2	Ng5
24	Qe3	Rg6
25	a4	bxa4
26	Rxa4	Reg8
27	Rea1	Ne6
28	Nh4	Rg5
29	Qf3	Qe7
30	Nf5	Qf8
31	Rxa6	Nc7
32	Nxd6	Nxd5
33	Nxc8	Qxc8
34	exd5	Rf5
35	Qe2	Qd8
36	c4	Qf8
37	Ra8	Qh6
38	Kg2	Rh5
39	d6	Black resigns

Diagram of final position



City chess challenge

On Thursday September 18 at the Chartered Accountants Hall, Moorgate Place, London EC2, I shall be giving a charity chess display against a maximum of 50 opponents in aid of the Lord Mayor's Appeal for the Cancer Research Campaign. The event will be opened by The Right Honourable The Lord Mayor Alderman Sir Roger Cork at 4.30pm. To secure your table please call the organiser Michael Savory of Midland Stockbrokers, Mariner House, Pepys Street, London EC3N 4DA (tel: 0171-260 5051, fax 0171-260 0592).

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WORD-WATCHING

By Philip Howard

AZOTEA
a. An Aztec pyramid
b. A flat roof
c. Without roots

CURIARA
a. A canoe
b. A deadly poison
c. Matron in a nunnery

FURIANT
a. A soldier ant
b. A type of gladiator
c. A fast dance

FUNKIA
a. A bolt-hole
b. A Japanese gambling game
c. A lily

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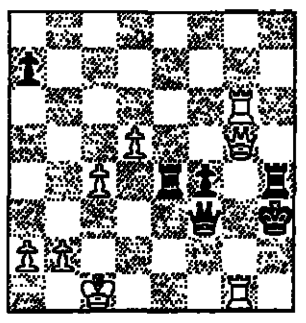
WINNING MOVE

By Raymond Keene



White to play. This position is from the game Cummings — Hinks-Edwards, Smith & Williamson British championship 1997. Having driven the black king all the way up the board. White has several good moves in this position. However, he chose an attractive continuation which won immediately. Can you see it?

Solution on page 46

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RACING: OWNER OF BOSRA SHAM BACKS NEWMARKET CLASSICS IN THREE-YEAR DEAL

Wafic Said to sponsor Guineas

By Richard Evans
Racing Correspondent

A MULTIMILLION-POUND sponsorship deal covering the Guineas meeting at Newmarket until the year 2000 will be announced today involving an investment company chaired by Wafic Said, owner of Bosra Sham and Lady Carla.

Said is the major shareholder and chairman of London-based Sagitta Asset Management Ltd, which has stepped in to back the opening two classics of the season — along with the Jockey Club Stakes — for the next three years.

Sagitta Asset Management is a private company which provides its international clients with investment management and administration. The Sagitta Group has more than US$1 billion in its care.

RICHARD EVANS

Nap: BAHAMIAN MELODY
(2.00 Lingfield Park)
Next best: Jibe
(2.30 Lingfield Park)

Said, who has become one of the principal players in international racing, has fond memories of Newmarket after the success of Bosra Sham last year in the 1,000 Guineas and Champion Stakes, and he is relishing the opportunity of backing one of racing's most important meetings.

"My personal passion for racing extends to my involvement as an owner, so I am particularly thrilled that a company with which I am associated is sponsoring such an historic British race meeting," he said yesterday.

Apart from providing substantial prize-money for what will be known as the Sagitta Guineas Festival, I understand Sagitta is keen to come up with special bonuses, possibly for trainers and jockeys who manage to win both the classics. The three-year package will include the Guineas meeting in 2000, which will coincide with the opening of a new grandstand on the Rowley Mile course.

ADAM BUTLER

Bosra Sham, second right, leads home the field in last year's 1,000 Guineas carrying the colours of Wafic Said

Moving on to another classic, André Fabre, who won the St Leger with Toulon in 1991, yesterday issued a cautionary word to backers convinced he can repeat the feat at Doncaster this Saturday with Vertical Speed.

"I think Toulon was a better horse," Fabre said. Vertical Speed, who did not make his debut until May, is unbeaten in three starts and, after being supplemented for £18,000 for the St Leger, is vying for favouritism.

Thirteen runners were declared yesterday and Ladbrokes bets: 11-4 Silver Patriarch and Stowaway, 3-1 Vertical Speed, 11-1 Besiege, 12-1 Panama City, Crown Of Light and Windsor Castle, 16-1 others.

"Vertical Speed has won three relatively weak races so the St Leger will be his first serious race. He hasn't beaten much but I thought this race came well on his card. I know it is a classic but I am happy to take my chance," Fabre said.

Despite having had only three runs, the last of them in a group two race at Maisons-Laffitte, where he comfortably beat the Charles Cyzer-trained Book At Bedtime, Fabre is not concerned by Vertical Speed's relative inexperience. "He's a proper racehorse and is not green. He will make an even better four-year-old."

This promises to be an important weekend for Fabre, for 24 hours after the St Leger he saddles Peintre Celebre, the highly impressive winner of the French Derby, for the Prix Niel, one of three Arc trials at Longchamp on Sunday.

"He's a good horse who is fresh and in good shape. My only fear about the Arc is that it could be run on heavy ground and I would prefer a good surface," Fabre said.

Fabre has won the Arc three times with Trempolino (1987), Subotica (1992) and Carnegie (1994), but he believes Peintre Celebre compares favourably with Trempolino "because of his acceleration". Peintre Celebre is 5-1 second favourite with most bookmakers for the Arc and makes considerable appeal given that Helissio — 3-1 favourite to repeat last year's success — did not impress everyone in the Prix du Moulin on Sunday.

Bruno Ridoux, racing manager to Enrique Sarasola, owner of Helissio, confirmed yesterday that Cash Asmussen will not be riding the four-year-old in the Arc. "Ever since the Grand Prix de Saint-Cloud, Elie Lellouche [trainer of Helissio] did not want him on the horse again. He's a fabulous jockey but not for Helissio."

Among the favourites to replace Asmussen is Dominique Boeuf, who rode Helissio in his early races but was replaced after being blamed for the horses's defeat in last year's French Derby.

☐ Arlington International Racecourse, which was reopened with high hopes in 1989, has withdrawn its application for racing dates in 1998 to "explore other options".

Said: thrilled

RACING AHEAD

Robert Wright
suggests the best value in the ante-post market

TOTE-PORTLAND HANDICAP

DONCASTER, tomorrow

GUIDE TO THE LEADING PRICES

	Coral	Hills	Ladbrokes	Tote
Blessingindisguise	10-1	10-1	8-1	10-1
Surprise Mission	10-1	10-1	10-1	10-1
My Best Valentine	10-1	12-1	10-1	10-1
Gaelic Storm	12-1	12-1	12-1	10-1
Dashing Blue	12-1	12-1	12-1	12-1
Patsy Grimes	12-1	12-1	14-1	12-1
Double Oscar	14-1	12-1	10-1	12-1
Tadeo	14-1	14-1	14-1	14-1
Tiler	16-1	14-1	12-1	16-1
Westcourt Magic	14-1	14-1	16-1	14-1
Hello Mister	14-1	14-1	16-1	16-1
Twice As Sharp	20-1	16-1	14-1	16-1

THE fiercely competitive Tote-Portland Handicap provides the betting highlight of the first day of Doncaster's St Leger meeting.

Blessingindisguise has enjoyed a tremendous season, winning five times already, and remains well handicapped in spite of two recent narrow defeats. However, in a race with several front-runners, he is likely to become involved in a battle for the lead which will not help his cause.

Surprise Mission, from the shrewd Ramsden stable, may well appreciate this extended five furlongs but, as ever, the bookmakers are taking no chances with his price.

My Best Valentine, runner-up in the Stewards' Cup at Goodwood, seems better than ever at the age of seven. He was not given a hard time after missing his chance with a slow start at [illegible] time, and will be suited by the strong early pace here. Ray Cochrane is again booked, but he may have to settle for a place.

Preference is for Hello Mister. He seems to save his best for this course and distance, having won this race in 1994 and 1995. Niggling injuries curtailed his season last year, but he showed that he retains his ability when third to Hattab in a listed race at Newbury in July. He faced an impossible task in a group three race over seven furlongs last time, and that run can be ignored.

At 16-1 with Ladbrokes and the Tote, HELLO MISTER rates excellent value.

LINGFIELD PARK

THUNDERER

2.00 Bahamian Melody. 2.30 Alborada. 3.00 Muhaba. 3.30 Miss Skye. 4.00 Don't Drop Bombs. 4.30 Darnaway. 5.00 DELTA SOLEIL (nap). 5.30 Awesome Wells.

GOING: GOOD (TURF); STANDARD (AW) SIS
DRAW (TURF): 6F-7F, HIGH NUMBERS BEST

2.00 GODSTONE RATING RELATED MAIDEN STAKES (2-Y-O: £3,304: 6f) (12 runners)

1	(2)	5030	ALPEN WOLF 17 W Muir 9-0	T Sprake	82
2	(8)	600	BAHAMIAN MELODY 23 (V) D Loder 9-0	K Fallon	85
3	(5)	0605	BLUE SHADOW 17 (B) R Hannon 9-0	R Ffrench (3)	74
4	(3)	3000	LEOFRIC 14 (V) M Polglase 9-0	D Holland	70
5	(12)	0062	POETTO 18 B Meehan 9-0	M Tebbutt	[104]
6	(10)	2563	SIGNATORY 15 R Hannon 9-0	Dane O'Neill	86
7	(7)	0044	TIGHTROPE 32 (BF) M Prescott 9-0	G Duffield	75
8	(4)	4303	DEVA LADY 20 C Allen 8-11	C Lowther (5)	93
9	(6)	0005	KATIES TREAT 32 (V) D Thom 8-11	D R McCabe	—
10	(11)	1/08	LADY RALPHINA 18 J Bridger 8-11	J Quinn	—
11	(1)	4033	MUFTUFFENUF 22 P Webber 8-11	A McGlone	89
12	(9)	3202	UNIVERSAL LADY 15 (BF) C James 8-11	R Cochrane	101

7-2 Bahamian Melody, 4-1 Universal Lady, 5-1 Poetto, Tightrope, 6-1 others

2.30 EBF NUTFIELD MAIDEN FILLIES STAKES (Div I: 2-Y-O: £3,319: 7f) (17)

1	(2)	33	ALBORADA 40 M Prescott 8-11	G Duffield	101
2	(11)		AMEENA P Cole 8-11	C Rutter	—
3	(6)		AQUARELA M Stoute 8-11	D Holland	—
4	(8)	0	CLOUDS OF GLORY 19 R Charlton 8-11	T Sprake	—
5	(5)	00	FAIR SONIA 26 K McAuliffe 8-11	J F Egan	—
6	(3)	0	FIVE FAIRIES 39 N Callaghan 8-11	S Drowne	—
7	(7)	55	FROND 18 L Cumani 8-11	R Ffrench (3)	90
8	(1)		HEVERGOLF PRINCESS T Naughton 8-11	A Clark	—
9	(9)	4	JIBE 18 H Cecil 8-11	K Fallon	[117]
10	(12)	54	MIGRATE 73 (BF) J Gosden 8-11	G Hind	91
11	(15)	0	OMBRA DI NUBE 19 C James 8-11	N Adams	—
12	(13)		PENROSE B Hills 8-11	R Street	—
13	(4)		PIXELATED D Loder 8-11	R Cochrane	—
14	(10)	46	PRIDE OF MY HEART 26 I Balding 8-11	A McGlone	94
15	(14)	0	RESURRECTION 27 R Hannon 8-11	Dane O'Neill	71
16	(17)	5	SWEET SORROW 25 C Wall 8-11	M Tebbutt	86
17	(16)	4	WINSA 41 J Dunlop 8-11	R Hills	85

5-4 Jibe, 9-2 Alborada, 8-1 Migrate, 10-1 Aquarela, Pixelated, 12-1 others.

3.00 EBF NUTFIELD MAIDEN FILLIES STAKES (Div II: 2-Y-O: £3,319: 7f) (17)

1	(2)		ANDALISH B Hills 8-11	D Holland	—
2	(1)		BALAITINI A Stewart 8-11	T Sprake	—
3	(13)	0	FLUSH 39 J Hills 8-11	A Clark	—
4	(4)		HEVER GOLF PASSION T Naughton 8-11	A McGlone	—
5	(17)		HIPPOCRACY B Hills 8-11	J D Smith (3)	—
6	(16)	330	HONEY STORM 10 M Channon 8-11	J Carroll	[98]
7	(15)	30	KENKAN 53 (BF) P Cole 8-11	C Rutter	81
8	(7)	6	MAGICAL COLOURS 27 J Dunlop 8-11	G Carter	67
9	(10)		MUHABA S bin Suroor 8-11	R Hills	—
10	(11)		NORTHERN LASS M Tompkins 8-11	D Biggs	—
11	(12)		PRECISION FINISH J Cullinan 8-11	J Quinn	—
12	(9)		PRIDE OF PLACE D Loder 8-11	R Cochrane	—
13	(3)		QUEEN OF TIDES M Stoute 8-11	K Bradshaw	—
14	(8)	2022	SOFT TOUCH 46 (BF) Miss G Kelleway 8-11	K Fallon	98
15	(14)		TAZKIYA C Benstead 8-11	G Duffield	—
16	(5)		VOCATION P R Webber 8-11	Dane O'Neill	—
17	(6)	0	ZEPTEPI 22 T Powell 8-11	P McCabe (3)	—

9-4 Muhaba, 9-2 Soft Touch, 5-1 Pride Of Place, 6-1 Queen Of Tides, 10-1 Andalish, 14-1 Balaitini, Kenkan, 16-1 others

3.30 C & H (HAULIERS) LTD NURSERY HANDICAP (2-Y-O: £3,538: 7f 140yd) (18)

1	(10)	053	COSMIC COUNTESS 15 M Jarvis 9-7	R Ffrench (3)	85
2	(9)	401	WILDCAT 27 (F) Miss G Kelleway 9-2	K Fallon	87
3	(2)	6402	PERSIAN VENTURE 10 B Meehan 8-13	M Tebbutt	89
4	(16)	000	HOLY WINE 17 D Loder 8-13	R Cochrane	—
5	(4)	6602	SIMLET 7 (BF) W Jarvis 8-12	G Hind	91
6	(7)	4005	RED MAPLE 7 P Cole 8-11	G Carter	80
7	(13)	0085	MISS SKYE 15 T Naughton 8-10	D Holland	77
8	(5)	d100	LOBUCHE 7 R Hannon 8-10	A Whelan (3)	75
9	(3)	000	SHECANDO 36 C James 8-10	C Rutter	—
10	(6)	4211	WON'T FORGET ME 6 (F) M Tompkins 8-10	D Biggs	89
11	(14)	001	FORTY LOVE 15 (G) J Banks 8-7	C Lowther (5)	91
12	(15)	430	SHORT ROMANCE 15 J Hills 8-7	R Hills	80
13	(17)	6540	MARI-ELA 57 J Arnold 8-6	A Clark	83
14	(11)	0450	APPLE SAUCE 14 J Arnold 8-6	T Sprake	75
15	(12)	004	SAINT ALBERT 20 P Walwyn 8-5	J Carroll	81
16	(1)	0050	LATIN BAY 15 P Harris 8-4	J Quinn	85
17	(18)	0506	MYSTAGOGUE 12 R Hannon 8-4	Dane O'Neill	[103]
18	(8)	4221	ROSEWOOD LADY 17 (V,F) K Burke 8-2	G Duffield	94

9-2 Holy Wine, 6-1 Wildcat, 8-1 Persian Venture, Won't Forget Me, 10-1 Forty Love, Rosewood Lady, 12-1 Cosmic Countess, Simlet, Miss Skye, 14-1 others

4.00 EDENBRIDGE SELLING HANDICAP (All-weather: £2,416: 1m 2f) (14)

1	(14)	6025	FATHER DAN 15 (F,G) Miss G Kelleway 8-10-0	K Fallon	[73]
2	(6)	6500	ENGLISH INVADER 29 (B,C,S) C Dwyer 6-9-12	D Holland	57
3	(10)	5d15	HAROLDON 7 (D,F,G) B Palling 8-9-9	T Sprake	65
4	(4)	1-00	SLIEVENAMON 34 (V) J Banks 4-9-7	R Cochrane	—
5	(3)	0065	SUMMERVILLE WOOD 20 (B) P Mooney 3-9-6	D McCabe	—
6	(13)	5000	MR ROUGH 25 (F) D Morris 6-9-4	N Day	65
7	(2)	0400	BAAHETH 17 (V) S C Williams 3-9-3	G Carter	68
8	(9)	-000	CABCHARGE BLUE 34 (F) T Naughton 5-9-7	Dane O'Neill	—
9	(1)	0000	PERILOUS PLIGHT 20 (V,C,F) A Streeter 6-9-0	R Havlin (3)	72
10	(12)	5422	HARLEQUIN WALK 17 (D,G) R O'Sullivan 6-8-11	J Quinn	68
11	(11)	0560	MAGAZINE GAP 34 Pat Mitchell 4-8-10	Amanda Sanders (5)	57
12	(8)	0400	DON'T DROP BOMBS 6 (V,C,D,F,G) D Thom 8-8-8	G Duffield	59
13	(7)	0000	AIRBORNE HARRIS 17 (B) A Bailey 4-8-8	D Wright	—
14	(5)	3003	KAYZEE 24 D Burchell 3-8-2	X Skad (5)	50

7-2 Harlequin Walk, 11-2 Mr Rough, Don't Drop Bombs, 7-1 Father Dan, Haroldon, 8-1 Summerville Wood, Kayzee, 10-1 others

4.30 JARDINES MAIDEN STAKES (£4,028: 7f) (15)

1	(5)		CROFT SANDS R Akehurst 4-9-4	A Clark	—
2	(8)	0-	TASHKENT 431 R Simpson 5-9-4	M Gallagher	—
3	(12)	4-32	DARNAWAY 116 (BF) H Cecil 3-9-0	K Fallon	[96]
4	(14)	0	FLOATING CHARGE 17 J Fanshawe 3-9-0	N Day	—
5	(1)		IKRAM BOY A Bailey 3-9-0	D Wright	—
6	(13)	6	IL FALCO 55 M Prescott 3-9-0	G Duffield	—
7	(2)	33	FEEL NO FEAR 26 W Muir 4-8-13	T Sprake	80
8	(15)	6	BESTEMOR 10 H Candy 3-8-9	C Rutter	58
9	(7)	5-0	BLUSHING DESERT 125 R Hannon 3-8-9	Dane O'Neill	—
10	(6)	54	DUST 19 Lord Huntingdon 3-8-9	R Perham	73
11	(3)	0	ENTHRONE 108 J Gosden 3-8-9	G Hind	—
12	(10)	0223	FONTEYN 62 (BF) A Stewart 3-8-9	D Holland	—
13	(9)	602-	INJAZAAT 340 (B) W Hern 3-8-9	R Cochrane	—
14	(11)		JANARA L Cumani 3-8-9	R Ffrench (3)	—
15	(4)	-404	SHARKIYAH 17 R Armstrong 3-8-9	R Hills	93

15-8 Darnaway, 7-2 Fonteyn, 7-1 Injazaat, Sharkiyah, 8-1 Janara, 10-1 Enthrone, 12-1 Croft Sands, Feel No Fear, 14-1 others

5.00 HBLB BLINDLEY HEATH HANDICAP (£4,378: 7f) (18)

1	(18)	2210	PRESENT GENERATION 21 (D,G) R Guest 4-10-0	R Ffrench (3)	81
2	(2)	6000	PLEADING 31 (F,S) H Candy 4-9-12	C Rutter	83
3	(9)	0201	VICTORY TEAM 7 (D,F) G Balding 5-9-12 (6ex)	S Drowne	80
4	(11)	5040	DELTA SOLEIL 25 (BF,F) P Harris 5-9-11	C Lowther (5)	[88]
5	(10)	0300	ZELDA ZONK 53 (D,F,G) B Meehan 5-9-10	Dane O'Neill	84
6	(13)	1100	FORCING BID 45 M Prescott 3-9-6	G Duffield	75
7	(1)	5414	KENTUCKY FALL 7 (F) Lady Herries 4-9-6	A Clark	83
8	(15)	2431	NORTHERN ANGEL 19 (D,F) Mrs J Cecil 3-9-5	G Hind	80
9	(5)	2442	IMPULSIF 19 (D,G) D Ffrench Davis 3-9-4	M Tebbutt	79
10	(14)	3221	POLISH ROMANCE 15 (D,S) M Stoute 3-9-3	D Holland	79
11	(7)	5504	PRIME LIGHT 53 (B) G Wragg 4-9-3	R Cochrane	81
12	(16)	0350	HALOWING 48 (C,F) J S-Osbourne 3-9-2	T Sprake	78
13	(3)	2055	LITUNAB 26 R Akehurst 3-9-0	R Hills	80
14	(8)	0154	SAFEY ANA 19 (C,D,F,G) B Hanbury 6-9-0	K Fallon	86
15	(17)	1651	LA DOLCE VITA 18 (D,G) N Littmoden 3-8-13	R Havlin (3)	87
16	(12)	2210	SHARP IMP 12 (B,D,F) R Flower 7-8-13	J Quinn	82
17	(4)	0000	CIVIL LIBERTY 15 (F) G Lewis 4-8-11	A Whelan (3)	79
18	(6)	5600	JUST LOUI 17 (V,D) K Burke 3-8-11	D Sweeney (3)	77

9-2 Polish Romance, 5-1 Kentucky Fall, 6-1 Victory Team, 8-1 Northern Angel, Prime Light, 10-1 Present Generation, 12-1 others

5.30 JARDINE INSURANCE SERVICES MAIDEN STAKES (£3,773: 1m 3f 106yd) (11)

1	(10)		DUNABRATTIN 13J D Thom 4-9-7	D R McCabe	—
2	(8)	0/	DUTCH 687 G Enright 5-9-7	N Adams	—
3	(11)	00-4	MERCI MONSIEUR 15 J Old 4-9-7	R Ffrench (3)	—
4	(5)	060-	BURSUL LADY 301 Miss B Sanders 4-9-2	A Whelan (3)	—
5	(3)	5222	AWESOME WELLS 49 (BF) H Cecil 3-8-13	K Fallon	86
6	(2)		JESTER MINUTE B Pearce 3-8-13	D Holland	—
7	(1)	56	JOUST 19 C Brittain 3-8-13	M Rimmer	72
8	(6)	06	MONACLE 34 D Morris 3-8-13	N Day	—
9	(4)	6352	SNOW PARTRIDGE 22 (BF) P Cole 3-8-13	C Rutter	[87]
10	(7)	2	TEME VALLEY 10 R Charlton 3-8-13	T Sprake	82
11	(9)	5004	ZINZARI 48 (V,BF) D Loder 3-8-13	R Cochrane	84

6-4 Awesome Wells, 5-2 Snow Partridge, 5-1 Teme Valley, Zinzari, 10-1 others

RESULTS FROM YESTERDAY'S TWO MEETINGS

Bath

Going: good

2.00 (5f 11yd) 1, Ajig Dancer (T Quinn, 11-4 fav); 2, Anen De (10-1); 3, Majalis (8-1). 15 ran. NR: Rare Indigo. 1¼l, 1l. M Channon. Tote: £3.30; £1.40, £3.50, £3.30. DF: £9.50. Trio: £113.10. CSF: £27.67.

2.30 (1m 5yd) 1, Murron Wallace (A Mackay, 4-1 fav); 2, Silver Harrow (8-1); 3, Atzarikh (10-1); 4, D J Cat (12-1). 18 ran. 1l, 1¼l. D Haydn Jones. Tote: £5.00; £1.70, £2.70, £3.40, £4.10. DF: £23.70. Trio: £103.50. CSF: £36.41. Tricast: £308.52.

3.00 (1m 5yd) 1, Kim's Brave (M Tebbutt, 16-1); 2, Shalad'or (10-1); 3, Kawafil (11-1); 4, King Darius (10-1). Elakik 4-1 fav. 17 ran. NR: Black Jet. ½l, ½l. B Meehan. Tote: £22.30; £3.20, £2.00, £2.40, £2.80. DF: £209.50. Trio: £1,118.10. CSF: £167.14. Tricast: £1,777.77.

3.30 (1m 3f 144yd) 1, Tikopia (Martin Dwyer, 6-1); 2, Sir Ricky (4-5 fav); 3, Meilleur (25-1). 18 ran. NR: Tonnn. 1¼l, 8l. I Balding. Tote: £8.60; £1.80, £1.10, £4.30. DF: £4.60. Trio: £49.30. CSF: £10.43.

4.00 (1m 5f 22yd) 1, Jaseur (L Dettori, 10-1); 2, Moon Colony (12-1); 3, Woody's Boy (8-1). Delilua 9-2 jt-fav. 15 ran. 2l, shd. J Gosden. Tote: £10.60; £3.60, £4.40, £2.70. DF: £37.20. Trio: £287.10. CSF: £128.47. Tricast: £954.15.

4.30 (5f 161yd) 1, First Principle (S Sanders, 3-1); 2, Tiincar (10-1); 3, Mr Majica (10-1). Dark Mile 4-5 fav. 13 ran. 1¼l, ½l. C Wall. Tote: £4.40; £1.60, £1.90, £3.40. DF: £17.40. Trio: £43.80. CSF: £32.87.

5.00 (5f 161yd) 1, Montendre (J Reid, 14-1); 2†, Bayin (12-1); 2†, Bowlers Boy (11-2); 4, Suite Factors (20-1). Butrinto 7-2 fav. 18 ran. NR: Beau Venture. ½l, dd-ht. M Heaton-Ellis. Tote: £17.40; £2.60, Bowlers Boy £1.40, Bayin £3.20, £8.50. DF: Montendre, Bowlers Boy £22.60; Montendre, Bayin £61.20. Trio: £74.40. CSF: Montendre, Bowlers Boy £45.10; Montendre, Bayin £87.13. Tricast: Montendre, Bowlers Boy, Bayin £476.49; Montendre, Bayin, Bowlers Boy £505.83.

Jackpot: not won (pool of £36,550.68 carried forward to Leicester today).

Placepot: £253.50. Quadpot: £57.80.

Southwell

Going: standard

1.45 (5f) 1, Mon Bruce (Dane O'Neill, 6-1); 2, Spaniards Close (9-4 fav); 3, Silk Cottage (14-1). 16 ran. Hd, 1¼l. W Muir. Tote: £8.50; £1.90, £1.60, £2.80. DF: £13.30. Trio: £183.80. CSF: £17.18.

2.15 (1m) 1, Mythical (Mr P Scott, 5-2 fav); 2, Zalotto (11-1); 3, Dream Carrier (16-1); 4, Dragon's Back (33-1). 16 ran. ¾l, 6l. M Prescott. Tote: £3.30; £1.20, £3.30, £3.90, £7.30. DF: £22.60. Trio: £106.70. CSF: £27.29. Tricast: £362.09.

2.45 (5f) 1, Palacegate Jack (T E Durcan, 13-8 fav); 2, Featherstone Lane (10-1); 3, Bashful Brave (10-1). 14 ran. NR: Midnight Times. 3l, ½l. J Berry. Tote: £2.80; £1.30, £3.30, £3.70. DF: £16.50. Trio: £48.30. CSF: £16.36.

3.15 (7f) 1, Mister Benjamin (N Day, 11-4); 2, Flying Bold (14-1); 3, Goldkill (16-1). 12 ran. NR: Prompt Delivery. 3l, 1¼l. S Woods. Tote: £1.90; £1.10, £2.30, £2.00. DF: £8.30. Trio: £16.30. CSF: £10.45. Rule 4 applies, deduct 50p in pound.

3.45 (1m 3f) 1, Marytavy (G Duffield, 9-2 jt-fav); 2, Fighting Times (14-1); 3, Kristal Bridge (14-1). Ceanothus 9-2 jt-fav. 15 ran. NR: Beach Buoy. 8l, 2½l. M Prescott. Tote: £5.30; £2.70, £9.00, £4.90. DF: £71.50. Trio: £199.10. CSF: £77.10. Tricast: £799.70.

4.15 (5f) 1, Super Gal (D Holland, 12-1); 2, Miss Bananas (33-1); 3, Snappy Times (10-1); 4, Dande Times (10-1). I'm Not Sure 4-1 fav. 17 ran. 1¼l, ¾l. C Dwyer. Tote: £17.70; £3.90, £7.00, £2.50, £3.40. DF: £959.70. Trio: £256.00. CSF: £352.62. Tricast: £3,717.45.

4.45 (1m 6f) 1, Il Principe (J F Egan, 7-2 jt-fav); 2, La Menorquina (12-1); 3, Needwood Epic (14-1); 4, Signed And Sealed (20-1). Drift 7-2 jt-fav. 16 ran. NR: Heights Of Fame. 6l, 5l. John Berry. Tote: £4.30; £1.70, £2.10, £4.40, £5.00. DF: £41.70. Trio: £140.00. CSF: £48.43. Tricast: £522.86.

5.15 (7f) 1, Confirmation (G Duffield, 11-4 fav); 2, Di Matteo (5-1); 3, Polo Venture (10-1). 12 ran. 11l, nk. M Prescott. Tote: £4.20; £1.40, £1.40, £3.20. DF: £8.60. Trio: £43.40. CSF: £15.97.

Placepot: £280.70. Quadpot: £64.20.

LEICESTER

THUNDERER

2.15 Bluewain Lady
2.45 Fanti Dancer
3.15 Samara Song
3.45 Sacho
4.15 Mudeer
4.45 Blue Iris
5.15 Zamalek
5.45 Shart

Timekeeper's top rating: 5.15 **TEMPTRESS**.

Our Newmarket Correspondent: 3.45 Sacho. 4.15 **MUDEER** (nap).

GOING: GOOD TO FIRM (GOOD IN PLACES) DRAW: NO ADVANTAGE
TOTE JACKPOT MEETING SIS

2.15 EBF FILBERT MAIDEN FILLIES STAKES (2-Y-O: £3,522: 1m 8yd) (10 runners)

101	(8)	3	BLUEWAIN LADY 26 (The Blue Note) P Harris 8-11	Pat Eddery	75
102	(4)		BRISTOL CHANNEL (K Abdulla) B Hills 8-11	L Dettori	—
103	(6)	6	CHIM CHIMNEY 18 (W Gredley) B Hills 8-11	M Hills	[101]
104	(2)	04	CHLO-JO 29 (D Armitage) A Foster 8-11	G Bardwell	89
105	(1)	5	EVERY PENNY 27 (Lambourn Racing Club) A P Jones 8-11	M Roberts	—
106	(10)		MACCA LUNA (B McAllister) M Tompkins 8-11	M Henry (3)	—
107	(5)	02	OBERON'S MISTRAL 17 (Lord Lloyd-Webber) H Cecil 8-11	W Ryan	88
108	(7)	3	RAMBLING ROSE 32 (Sir Evelyn De Rothschild) M Stoute 8-11	J Reid	75
109	(3)	00	SIENA 69 (M Channon) M Channon 8-11	J Fortune	69
110	(9)	03	SUELLAJOY 15 (K Burks) B Smart 8-11	J Stack	96

BETTING: 7-4 Bluewain Lady, 7-2 Oberon's Mistral, 4-1 Rambling Rose, 7-1 Bristol Channel, 10-1 others.

1996: IDRICA 8-11 L Dettori (10-11 fav) J Gosden 5 ran

FORM FOCUS Bluewain Lady 1¼l 3rd to Leggera in 7f Sandown maiden (good to firm). Bristol Channel is by Generous out of Shining Water. Chim Chimney 10l 6th to Ashraakat in 7f Newmarket maiden (good). Every Penny 3¾l 5th to Wildcat in 7f Salisbury claimer (good to firm). Oberon's Mistral 2¼l 2nd to Hadayik in 7f Goodwood maiden (good to firm). Rambling Rose 5¾l 3rd to Rabi in 7f Newmarket maiden (good). Suellajoy 3¼l 3rd to Admire in 1m Chepstow maiden (good to soft).

BLUEWAIN LADY is the choice against well-bred newcomer Bristol Channel

2.45 RANCLIFFE NURSERY SELLING HANDICAP (2-Y-O: £2,700: 1m 8yd) (15 runners)

201	(2)	0323	FANTI DANCER 15 (B) (Mrs B Bell) B Meehan 9-7	T E Durcan (3)	80
202	(11)	5040	CHERISHED 18 (B) (Elite Racing Club) P Cole 9-2	T Quinn	67
203	(12)	2060	CONSTANT ATTENTION 20 (C Wright) P Cole 9-1	J Reid	81
204	(1)	0560	MARY LOU 6 (BF) (M Ryan) M Channon 9-1	J Fortune	62
205	(14)	0850610	DOCKLANDS DISPATCH 18 (V) (Mrs L Olley) N Tinkler 8-12	Kim Tinkler	72
206	(8)	5126056	ARM AND A LEG 10 (V,F) (Mrs R Aggio) C Dwyer 8-11	L Dettori	[illegible]
207	(7)	00000	TILBURG 15 (J Teasdale) Mrs N Macauley 8-11	S Sanders	75
208	(13)	66505	UP THE CLARETS 25 (Valley Paddocks Racing Ltd) J J O'Neill 8-10	A Culhane	77
209	(10)	0534	KITE 34 (C Wall) M Bell 8-9	M Fenton	90
210	(5)	4620033	PATRICIA OLIVE 20 (M Tompkins Elite) M Tompkins 8-9	R Mullen (5)	85
211	(15)	0040	FRANCESCA'S FOLLY 10 (F Bienstock) J Hills 8-5	M Henry (3)	80
212	(3)	0040000	MARGARET'S DANCER 25 (B) (G Batty) C Smith 8-5	P Fessey (3)	62
213	(9)	000	GOD KNOWS 15 (Pawlon Enders) M Fetherston-Godley 7-10	F Norton	64
214	(6)	000	RISQUE 15 (J Cool Partnership) A J Bowlby 7-10	Martin Dwyer	57
215	(4)	0600	RISKNOWT GETNOWT 15 (Wizard Racing) T Wall 7-10	P M Quinn (7)	38

Long handicap: Risknowt Getnowt 7-7

BETTING: 9-2 Cherished, 11-2 Kite, 6-1 Arm And A Leg, 7-1 Mary Lou, 8-1 Fanti Dancer, 10-1 others.

1996: CHARMANS DAUGHTER 9-3 R Hills (10-1) P Cole 15 ran

FORM FOCUS Fanti Dancer 2¾l 3rd to Czar Wars in 7f Warwick maiden auction stakes (good to soft) with Tilburg (3lb better off) 6l 9th and God Knows (22lb better off) 14l 11th. Cherished 6¼l 9th to Outsourcing in 1m Newmarket handicap (good). Constant Attention 14l 12th to Chinaider in 6f York selling stakes (good). Mary Lou 4½l 8th to Won't Forget Me in 7f Brighton selling stakes (good to firm). Arm And A Leg 3¼l 6th to Marske Machine in 7f Sandown selling handicap (soft) with Francesca's Folly (1lb better off) 21l 9th. Kite 4l 4th to Miss Main Street in 7f Newcastle handicap (good to firm). Patricia Olive 4¼l 3rd to Russian Romeo in 6f selling stakes here (good).

FANTI DANCER shaped as though this trip would suit when a staying-on third at Warwick

RACELINE
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SPECIALISTS

LEICESTER: Trainers: D Loder, 7 winners from 20 runners, 35.0%; H Cecil, 20 from 75, 26.7%; M Stoute, 17 from 64, 26.6%; L Cumani, 12 from 46, 26.1%; A Jones, 3 from 12, 25.0%; J Dunlop, 25 from 131, 19.1%. Jockeys: Pat Eddery, 42 winners from 171 rides, 24.6%; J Weaver, 18 from 85, 21.2%; L Dettori, 35 from 170, 20.6%; J Stack, 6 from 28, 21.4%; J Reid, 16 from 106, 15.1%.

GUIDE TO OUR RACECARD

103 (12) 0-0432 GOOD TIMES 74 (CD,BF,F,G,S) (Mrs D Robinson) B Hall 9-10-0 . B West (4) 88

Racecard number. Draw in brackets. Six-figure form (F — fell. P — pulled up. U — unseated rider. B — brought down. S — slipped up. R — refused. D — disqualified). Horse's name. Days since last outing. J if jumps. F if flat. (B — blinkers. V — visor. H — hood. E — Eyeshield. C — course winner. D — distance winner. CD — course and distance winner. BF — beaten favourite in latest race). Going on which horse has won (F — firm, good to firm, hard. G — good. S — soft, good to soft, heavy). Owner in brackets. Trainer. Age and weight. Rider plus any allowance. Timekeeper's speed rating.

3.15 WYMESWOLD HANDICAP (£3,951: 7f 9yd) (20 runners)

301	(7)	4-01600	TAL-Y-LLYN 60 (D,S) (Bodfari Stud Ltd) B Hills 3-10-0	M Hills	76
302	(2)	0131000	GYMCRAK FLYER 7 (C,D,F,G) (Gymcrak Racing) G Holmes 6-9-12	J Fortune	72
303	(13)	43424	TOPTON 15 (V) (G Strawbridge) I Balding 3-9-12	L Dettori	71
304	(5)	2300206	ALLINSON'S MATE 13 (D,F,G,S) (D Coutber) T Barron 9-9-9	Kimberley Hart (5)	77
305	(19)	0341002	MIDNIGHT SHIFT 20 (G) (C Mills) R Guest 3-9-8	Pat Eddery	74
306	(20)	0511206	WINTER SCOUT 20 (D,F,G,S) (Mrs S Russell) R Fahey 9-9-8	R Winston (7)	70
307	(16)	0-6424	SHADES OF LOVE 19 (Pursuers - Four Seasons Racing) V Soane 3-9-7	T Quinn	66
308	(3)	604-530	HELIOS 53 (D,F,S) (Box 40 Racing) D Murray Smith 9-9-6	W Ryan	77
309	(9)	-011450	COUNTLESS TIMES 23 (Pin Way Racing Partnership) W Muir 3-9-6	Martin Dwyer	72
310	(18)	5-00401	SILVER SECRET 27 (F) (F Sainsbury) M Heaton-Ellis 3-9-5	S Sanders	70
311	(14)	0050105	ALFAHAAL 33 (BF,F) (C Sumner) R Johnson Houghton 4-9-4	J Reid	78
312	(6)	00-0000	ONEKNIGHT WITH YOU 7 (D Clee) M Fetherston-Godley 3-9-3	F Norton	68
313	(15)	-051000	BIRCHWOOD SUN 7 (B,D,F,G,S) (A Watson) M Dods 7-9-3	J Weaver	64
314	(17)	2204336	BOLLIN DOROTHY 7 (D,S) (Lady Westbrook) T Easterby 4-9-2	T Williams	77
315	(10)	2232433	SAMARA SONG 13 (BF) (Turton Builders) I Williams 4-9-1	M Roberts	[illegible]
316	(12)	0431-33	FEARLESS CAVALIER 20 (S) (Three R's) R Hollinshead 3-9-0	D Griffiths (3)	69
317	(1)	1002313	ORIOLE 17 (D,F,G,S) (Don Enrico Incisa) Enrico Incisa 4-9-0	Kim Tinkler	76
318	(4)	-000623	CELANDINE 19 (F) (Dr J Hollowood) A Turnell 4-9-0	A Daly (5)	72
319	(8)	4040310	SURF CITY 17 (D,G) (Exors late A Anderson) W Haigh 4-8-13	A Culhane	77
320	(11)	3212322	HI MUJTAHID 12 (BF,D,F) (W Imison) S Kettlewell 3-8-12	K Darley	73

BETTING: 13-2 Alfahaal, 8-1 Topton, Bollin Dorothy, 10-1 Midnight Shift, Silver Secret, Samara Song, Hi Mujtahid, 12-1 others

1996: DON'T GET CAUGHT 4-8-6 Dean McKeown (16-1) J L Harris 20 ran

FORM FOCUS Topton 5¼l 4th to Polish Romance in 7f Epsom maiden stakes (good to soft). Allinson's Mate 6¼l 6th to Needle Match in 7f Carlisle stakes (firm). Midnight Shift ½l 2nd to Denbrae in course and distance stakes (good). Silver Secret beat Dorado Beach 2½l in 6f Folkestone maiden auction stakes (good to firm). Alfahaal 3¼l 5th to Final Stab in 1m Bath handicap (good). Bollin Dorothy 5½l 6th to Stand Tall in 6f Pontefract handicap (good to soft) with Birchwood Sun (levels) 12l 15th. Samara Song 2½l 3rd to Muara Bay in 1m Brighton handicap (good). Fearless Cavalier 8l 3rd to Impulsive Air in 7f Musselburgh stakes (good to firm) with Winter Scout (3lb better off) 15l last. Oriole 4l 3rd to Cashmere Lady in 1m Redcar handicap (firm). Celandine 2½l 3rd to John Emms in 6f Salisbury apprentice handicap (good to firm) with Shades Of Love (3lb better off) 4¼l 4th. Hi Mujtahid 2l 2nd to Warnor King in 7f Musselburgh handicap (good).

MIDNIGHT SHIFT has twice run well here, and can gain a deserved success

3.45 LEICESTERSHIRE MAIDEN STAKES (£4,092: 1m 1f 218yd) (19 runners)

401	(13)	4-0	MUHASSIL 162 (R W Walpole) K Morgan 4-9-7	D Pears	62
402	(3)	2/2-	SACHO 511 (BF) (Sheikh Mohammed) J Gosden 4-9-7	L Dettori	—
403	(2)		WATERWAVE (Sheikh Mohammed) J Gosden 4-9-7	M Hills	—
404	(6)	0	LADY OF GLENDOWAN 15 (M Mitchell) Mrs B Waring 4-9-2	E Byrne	—
405	(18)	00-	THATCHAM ISLAND 320 (Berkshire Comm Ltd) D Williams 4-9-2	D Griffiths (3)	—
406	(5)	5	DUKHAN 104 (H al-Maktoum) R Armstrong 3-9-0	K Darley	70
407	(14)	0	KAYESAM 19 (Mrs M Marston) J L Harris 3-9-0	A Culhane	—
408	(19)	3	LONDON LIGHTS 162 (BF) (H R H Prince Fahd Salman) P Cole 3-9-0	T Quinn	[illegible]
409	(17)	0	QUIET VENTURE 10 (M al-Maktoum) E Dunlop 3-9-0	D O'Donohoe (3)	—
410	(8)	0522	TONIGHT'S PRIZE 29 (S Sekl) C Wall 3-9-0	S Sanders	87
411	(11)	0-	TRIENTA MIL 313 (Mrs J Robinson) P Dalton 3-9-0	L Charnock	—
412	(16)	02-	TYROLEAN DREAM 304 (P Heath) M Tompkins 3-9-0	M Henry (3)	—
413	(15)	05	BACK ROW 39 (Lord Hartington) L Cumani 3-8-9	Pat Eddery	70
414	(1)	0-0	BEGUINE 39 (Lord H De Walden) W Jarvis 3-8-9	J Reid	76
415	(7)		CHOICE LADY (Freddy Partnership) J L Harris 3-8-9	Dean McKeown	—
416	(4)	6	FUWALA 10 (A Wragg) D Shaw 3-8-9	J Fanning	—
417	(9)	030	MINSTER STAR 41 (R Rainbow) J Spearing 3-8-9	J Fortune	—
418	(10)	6	PRILUKI 17 (C Brittain) C Brittain 3-8-9	M Roberts	—
419	(12)	03	SERPENTARA 27 (Lady Howard de Walden) H Cecil 3-8-9	W Ryan	71

BETTING: 2-1 Sacho, 5-1 Tonight's Prize, 7-1 London Lights, 8-1 Back Row, 10-1 Tyrolean Dream, Serpentara, 12-1 Waterwave, 14-1 others

1996: POLAR CHAMP 3-9-0 L Dettori (4-5 fav) S Woods 8 ran

FORM FOCUS Muhassil 8¼l 7th to Greenaway Bay in 7f Kempton maiden (good to firm). Sacho ½l 2nd to Dovaly in 1¼m Newmarket maiden last term (good to soft). Dukhan 4l 5th to Heavenly Ray in 1m Yarmouth maiden (firm). London Lights 3½l 3rd to Single Empire in 1m 3f Kempton maiden (good to firm). Tonight's Prize neck 2nd to Dr Martens in 1m Windsor maiden (good to firm). Tyrolean Dream 2½l 2nd to Moon River in 1m Doncaster maiden (soft). Back Row 14l 5th to Ghillies Ball in 1½m Ascot stakes (good). Beguine 34l 11th to Bial in 1m Thirsk maiden (good). Fuwala 17l 6th to Bina Gardens in 1¼m Ripon maiden (good). Priluki 7½l 6th to Royale Rose in 1m Newmarket maiden (good to firm). Serpentara 1½l 3rd to Shaya in 1¼m Sandown maiden (good).

SACHO can begin to justify the decision to keep him in training

BLINKERED FIRST TIME: Leicester: 2.45 Cherished, Docklands Dispatch, Fanti Dancer 3.15 Topton. Lingfield Park: 2.00 Bahamian Melody, Leofric. 4.00 Airborne Harris, Slievenamon, Baaheth, Perilous Plight. 5.30 Zinzari.

4.15 REMPSTONE MAIDEN STAKES (Div I: 2-Y-O: £3,587: 7f 9yd) (20 runners)

501	(14)		ALLGRIT (M al-Maktoum) E Dunlop 9-0	J Fortune	—
502	(8)		ANEMOS (A Michael) M Tompkins 9-0	M Fenton	—
503	(2)	30	BAWSIAN 15 (D Scott) J Eyre 9-0	D Pears	77
504	(7)		BE MY CHANCE (H Al-Muteiwa) K Mahdi 9-0	Martin Dwyer	—
505	(17)	54	CLOSE UP 27 (I Cameron) J Dunlop 9-0	W J O'Connor	90
506	(20)		DIKTAT (Sheikh Mohammed) D Loder 9-0	W Ryan	—
507	(6)		JAAZIM (H al-Maktoum) M Stoute 9-0	J Reid	—
508	(11)		LAST CHRISTMAS (A Smead) B Hills 9-0	M Hills	—
509	(1)	35	MONTANO 73 (Sir George Meyrick) P Cole 9-0	A Culhane	81
510	(13)		MUDEER (Godolphin) S bin Suroor 9-0	L Dettori	—
511	(3)		PEDRO (G Waters) M Prescott 9-0	S Sanders	—
512	(12)	50	PRESS AHEAD 53 (R Bedding) B McMahon 9-0	L Newton	—
513	(4)		PURE NOBILITY (B Fraiha) B Hills 9-0	Pat Eddery	—
514	(10)	00	SADIR 41 (H al-Maktoum) W Hern 9-0	N Carlisle	—
515	(19)	5	SAUDI 15 (H R H Prince Fahd Salman) P Cole 9-0	T Quinn	71
516	(5)	06	SILVER HOPE 39 (J Smallman) R Hollinshead 9-0	D Griffiths (3)	—
517	(16)	62	TAVERNER SOCIETY 20 (Pink & Blue Ribbon Racing) R Armstrong 9-0	M Roberts	[illegible]
518	(9)	0	WINTERTIME 27 (Highclere Thoroughbred Racing Ltd) G Lewis 9-0	Paul Eddery	—
519	(15)	33	WUXI VENTURE 18 (Dr F Chen) S Woods 9-0	K Darley	88—
520	(18)	43	NASKHI 18 (S Manana) M Johnston 8-9	J Weaver	84—

BETTING: 9-2 Mudeer, 11-2 Diktat, Taverner Society, 13-2 Jaazim, 8-1 Wuxi Venture, 10-1 Close Up, Last Christmas, Saudi, Naskhi, 12-1 others

1996: SUNBEAM DANCE 9-0 G Carter (2-1 fav) S bin Suroor 13 ran

FORM FOCUS Allgrit by Shadeed out of the winning miler Arsaan. Anemos by Be My Guest out of Friendly Persuasion. Close Up 6¼l 4th to Soviet Bureau in 7f Salisbury stakes (good to firm) with Wintertime (same terms) 12l 9th. Diktat by Warning colt out of the winning miler Arvola. Jaazim by Silver Hawk out of Alwar. Last Christmas by Salse colt out of State Ball. Montano 6½l 5th to Princess Natalie in 5l Doncaster stakes (5l, good to soft). Mudeer by Warning out of Colorvista. Pure Nobility by Darshaan out of Ms Pavlova. Saudi 8¾l 5th to Golden Dice in 7f Newcastle maiden (good) with Bawsian (same terms) another 4l 7th. Taverner Society ½l 2nd to Secret Archive in 7f Kempton maiden (good). Wuxi Venture 4¼l 3rd to Fantasy Island in 7f Newmarket maiden (good). Naskhi 7l 3rd to Exbourne's Wish in 6f Thirsk maiden (good).

MUDEER is a tentative choice in a race attracting plenty of big stables

4.45 PRESTWOLD CONDITIONS STAKES (£5,058: 5f 2yd) (8 runners)

601	(8)	2-80000	PASSION FOR LIFE 46 (D,F,G) (D Waters) G Lewis 4-9-2	Paul Eddery	105
602	(4)	6630300	RAMBLING BEAR 42 (D,F,B) (Mrs M Fitt/Mrs H Chalker) M Blanshard 4-9-2	J Reid	110
603	(5)	6004345	BRAVE EDGE 9 (D,F,G) (Hants Vale Racing) R Hannon 6-8-10	Pat Eddery	111
604	(3)	445-350	MUSIC GOLD 21 (B,D,F) (N Yong) W O'Gorman 4-8-10	J Fortune	102
605	(7)	4468330	ZIGGY'S DANCER 24 (D,F,G) (J Berry) E Alston 6-8-10	A Culhane	103
606	(6)	25-3500	BLUE IRIS 46 (D,F,G) (M Jarvis) M Jarvis 4-8-5	M Roberts	107
607	(1)	4252006	CROFTERS CEILIDH 24 (D,F,G) (Mrs M Meddings) B McMahon 5-8-5	S Sanders	[112]
608	(2)	4320300	CONNEMARA 18 (D,G) (Dr A Haloute) C Dwyer 3-8-4	K Darley	104

BETTING: 7-4 Brave Edge, 7-2 Rambling Bear, 9-2 Connemara, 6-1 Blue Iris, 10-1 Crofters Ceilidh, 12-1 Music Gold, 16-1 Passion For Life, 20-1 Ziggy's Dancer

1996: CROFT POOL 5-8-10 S D Williams (5-4 fav) J Glover 3 ran

FORM FOCUS Passion For Life 9¾l 10th to Blessingindisguise in 5f Ascot handicap (good) with Blue Iris (11lb better off) a further neck away in 11th. Rambling Bear 3¼l 9th to Averti in 5f Goodwood group III stakes (good to firm) with Connemara (levels) 5l 13th. Brave Edge 5¾l 5th to Pas De Reponse in 6f Deauville group III stakes (heavy). Music Gold 18l 20th to Plaisir D'Amour in 6f York handicap (good). Ziggy's Dancer 9¾l 15th to Tadeo in 6f Ripon handicap (good to firm). Crofters Ceilidh 2¾l 6th to Willow Dale in 5f Newbury handicap (good to firm). Connemara 13l 10th to Elnadim in 6f Newmarket listed stakes (good).

BLUE IRIS may be allowed to dominate here, as most of his rivals need to be held up

5.15 STAG APPRENTICES HANDICAP (£3,256: 1m 1f 218yd) (19 runners)

1	(8)	4-402	BEAR HUG 35 (L Lazarus) Lady Herries 4-10-0	G Milligan	77
2	(5)	5412010	EUROBOX BOY 23 (C,F,G) (N Coverdale) A Jarvis 4-9-12	C Carver (5)	74
3	(16)	0206035	EDAN HEIGHTS 10 (D,S) (T Mountain) S Dow 5-9-11	P Doe (3)	78
4	(9)	1130463	PRINCESS DANIELLE 14 (CD,F,G,S) (Mrs M Wickham) W Muir 5-9-6	J Wilkinson (3)	74
5	(15)	4345300	TEMPTRESS 67 (D,F,S) (P Barrett) J A Harris 4-9-5	R Studholme (5)	[illegible]
6	(7)	0001664	OBELOS 23 (CD,F) (Gilberts Animal Feed) Miss S Wilton 6-9-5	C Teague	77
7	(6)	-324053	LITERARY 17 (Sheikh Mohammed) J Gosden 3-9-3	T E Durcan	71
8	(3)	5-04000	RIVAL BID 34 (V,CD,F,G,S) (Twenty Twenty) Mrs N Macauley 9-9-0	P Fredericks (5)	65
9	(11)	245-0	CELEBRANT 39 (Mrs A Normand) A Hide 3-8-13	Jo Hunnam (3)	—
10	(18)	0/1045-	SCOTTISH BAMBI 178J (CD,F,G) (W Kelly) P R Webber 9-8-13	M Henry	—
11	(1)	-050200	ABSOLUTELYSTUNNING 43 (D,F) Mrs B Waring 4-8-11	P P Murphy	71
12	(2)	5061331	CHEROKEE FLIGHT 24 (F) (Silver Knight Exhibitions Ltd) S Mellor 3-8-11	A Daly	78
13	(4)	00-6214	SECRET BALLOT 57 (D,G) (W al-Maktoum) K Mahdi 3-8-9	D O'Donohoe	76
14	(10)	3236444	ORDAINED 20 (D,F) (P Ebdon Racing) E Alston 4-8-8	Melanie Worden (7)	80
15	(13)	545/	ROCK SCENE 766 (Mrs J Hughes) A Streeter 5-8-9	D Griffiths	—
16	(14)	0000224	MBULWA 15 (D,F,G,S) (Northumbria Leisure Ltd) R Fahey 11-8-6	R Winston (3)	78
17	(19)	1450122	ZAMALEK 21 (D,F) (Miss V Markowiak) R Flower 5-8-4	R Mullen	77
18	(17)	0404-00	ELLWAY LADY 54 (Elway Racing Partnership) I Balding 3-8-4	Martin Dwyer	72
19	(12)	0-03000	KISSEL 10 (S) (R Fenwick-Gibson) S Kettlewell 5-8-3	G Parkin	70

BETTING: 5-1 Literary, 7-1 Princess Danielle, 8-1 Bear Hug, Mbulwa, 10-1 Edan Heights, Cherokee Flight, Zamalek, 12-1 others.

1996: WHITE PLAINS 3-9-5 R Mullen (7-2) M Bell 12 ran

FORM FOCUS Bear Hug neck 2nd to Country Thatch in 1m1½l Folkestone maiden handicap (good to firm) with Literary (2lb better off) 6½l 5th. Edan Heights 5¼l 5th to Cugina in 1¼m Sandown handicap (soft). Princess Danielle 2¼l 3rd to Istoff in 1¼m Ripon handicap (good to firm). Obelos 26l 4th to Bold Top in 1½m Pontefract selling stakes (good to firm). Literary 5¼l 3rd to Fern's Governor in 1m Windsor fillies handicap (good to firm). Scottish Bambi 11l 5th to Absolutelystunning (23lb worse off) in 1¼m Nottingham handicap (good to firm). Cherokee Flight beat Grand Hotel 1¾l in 1m1f Wolverhampton handicap (AW). Secret Ballot 4½l 4th to Regal Reprimand in 1m1½l Folkestone stakes (good to firm). Ordained 3l 4th to Debutante Days in 1½m fillies handicap here (good). Mbulwa 6½l 4th to Present Situation in 1m½f Epsom handicap (good to soft). Zamalek ½l 2nd to Norsong in 1½m Folkestone handicap (good to firm).

PRINCESS DANIELLE can continue her good record at this track

5.45 REMPSTONE MAIDEN STAKES (Div II: 2-Y-O: £3,561: 7f 9yd) (20 runners)

1	(14)		ALTITUDE (Mrs F Watts) M Prescott 9-0	S Sanders	—
2	(18)	0	ASPIRANT DANCER 18 (Peter Coe) M Bell 9-0	M Fenton	—
3	(19)	4	CANADIAN PUZZLER 20 (The Maple Leafs) P Harris 9-0	Pat Eddery	[95]
4	(20)		CHEROKEE BAND (M al-Maktoum) B Hills 9-0	Dean McKeown	—
5	(11)		COPERNICUS (C Wright) P Cole 9-0	T Quinn	—
6	(7)		CULTURED KING (Highfields Partnership) J G Smyth-Osbourne 9-0	G Bardwell	—
7	(4)	04	DASHING CHIEF 12 (Lord Harrington) M Jarvis 9-0	M Roberts	80
8	(3)	00	DUTCH LAD 18 (S Dean) M Tompkins 9-0	M Henry (3)	—
9	(6)	0	FLY BY NIGHT 11 (Sheikh Mohammed) M Stoute 9-0	J Reid	—
10	(10)	0	MAIL SHOT 27 (MacDonald Mailing) S Dow 9-0	Martin Dwyer	—
11	(16)		MUTAFARIJ (H al-Maktoum) E Dunlop 9-0	J Weaver	—
12	(5)		NOBLE PATRIOT (P Savill) R Hollinshead 9-0	K Darley	—
13	(12)		PERFECT WAY (Timaid) Mrs N Macauley 9-0	P Bloomfield	—
14	(17)		RIDGEWAY (Mollers Racing) G Wragg 9-0	M Hills	—
15	(13)		ROYAL SHOCK (Mohammed Jaber) D Loder 9-0	W Ryan	—
16	(15)	5	SENSORY 20 (K Abdulla) B Hills 9-0	Paul Eddery	91
17	(9)		SHART (H al-Maktoum) J Gosden 9-0	L Dettori	—
18	(2)	0	WAVE ROCK 24 (Earl Cadogan) J Dunlop 9-0	W J O'Connor	—
19	(1)		ZIGGY STARDUST (J Cool Partnership) A J Bowlby 9-0	J Stack	—
20	(8)		DILLY LANE (Elite Racing Club) P R Webber 8-9	J Fortune	—

BETTING: 4-1 Shart, 5-1 Royal Shock, 7-1 Canadian Puzzler, Ridgeway, 8-1 Sensory, 10-1 Copernicus, Mutafarij, 12-1 others.

1996: NO CORRESPONDING DIVISION

FORM FOCUS Canadian Puzzler 5l 4th to Secret Archive in 7f Kempton maiden (7f, good) with Sensory (same terms) ¾l 5th. Cherokee Band by Dixieland Band out of Cherokee Darling. Copernicus by Polish Precedent out of Oxslip. Dashing Chief 9l 4th to Mutamam in 7½l Lingfield maiden (good to soft). Dutch Lad 13l 7th to Fantasy Island in 7f Newmarket maiden (good) with Aspirant Dancer (same terms) 25l last. Fly By Night 39l 7th to O'Kelly in 7f Chester maiden (good to soft). Mutafarij, by Diesis, related to several winners including the useful Ta Rib. Ridgeway, by Indian Ridge, half-brother to winning sprinter Butler's Wharf. Royal Shock by Briel Truce out of Rince Deas. Shart by Last Tycoon out of winning miler Simaat. Wave Rock 26l 17th to Mahboob in 7f Newbury maiden (good to firm).

RIDGEWAY is taken to make a winning debut

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TENNIS

Maclagan avenges Davis Cup reverse

By Alix Ramsay

AS THE Samsung Open eased quietly into life in Bournemouth yesterday, Greg Rusedski was still cruising at 35,000 feet on his way back from New York. It is about 3,000 miles from Flushing Meadows to Bournemouth, where the total prize-fund is $400,000 (around £250,000), only a fraction more than Rusedski received on Sunday night after losing to Patrick Rafter.

The switch from the razzmatazz of the Big Apple, the packed 23,000-seater Arthur Ashe Stadium and the speed of the court to the genteel surroundings of the West Hants club — where the centre court can accommodate a mere 2,800 spectators and the clay surface is likely to remove much of the sting from the Rusedski service — will be difficult even for one whose stature and ranking has improved so much this year.

Rusedski is the man the public wants to see. Since the weekend and the realisation that the new British No 1 could go all the way in the US Open, ticket sales on the South Coast have taken a healthy upturn and there have been endless inquiries concerning Rusedski's opening match. Win or lose against Alberto Martin tomorrow, the crowd will forgive Rusedski anything.

With Tim Henman missing the tournament for the second year in succession — last season he was injured, this year he prefers to sample the delights of Tashkent rather than risk his reputation on a clay court — Rusedski is the man of the moment.

For all the gibes about Rusedski's Canadian origins, he has done more than his share to promote the British game. He has turned out for home tournaments, committed himself to the Davis Cup and has been a regular at the British national championships in Telford since he was adopted by the Lawn Tennis Association in 1995.

Even as the hype and hoopla grew around him last week, he was insistent that Bournemouth was high on his list of priorities, whatever the outcome of the final at Flushing Meadows. Maybe Henman was sensible to head for Uzbekistan, for the entry for Bournemouth is a strong one. Rusedski, for all his exploits in the United States, is seeded no higher than No 3 here. Carlos Moyà, the top seed, was the runner-up at the Australian Open and Cedric Pioline, seeded No 4, was a finalist at Wimbledon. The No 2 seed is Felix Mantilla, the world No 14, who has won four titles on clay this year.

Rusedski leads a five-strong British contingent, one of whom, Miles Maclagan, was in action yesterday, making his way into the second round with a 6-3, 3-6, 6-0 win over Wayne Black, from Zimbabwe. Early on, the match was strewn with errors, but Maclagan ironed out most of them and was in total command during the third set.

Black, who together with his brother, Byron, ended Britain's hopes of promotion in the Davis Cup in April, has jumped up the rankings over the past six months to stand at No 115 while Maclagan is 184 places behind him at No 297.

However, Maclagan, too, has been moving in the right direction recently, even if the improvement has not gained the same attention accorded to Rusedski.

"It's a bit like them and us I suppose," he said. "At the moment Greg and Tim are in different worlds from the rest of us. But myself, Andrew Richardson, Jamie Delgado — we all knew Tim in the juniors and we knew what he was like then and what has happened since. So, you never know . . ."

Maclagan will be joined in the second round by at least one more Briton as Mark Petchey and Danny Sapsford play each other today.

Chris Wilkinson, who opted to play a satellite event rather than even try to qualify for the US Open, faces a qualifier, Alistair Hunt, from New Zealand, in the first round.

HUGH ROUTLEDGE

Maclagan in the swing at Bournemouth yesterday, where he made a nonsense of the rankings by defeating Wayne Black, of Zimbabwe

RUGBY LEAGUE

Rhinos pick up the scent

Leeds Rhinos	42
Oldham Bears	16

LEEDS recovered from a dismal start against Oldham last night to score eight tries and earn a trip to Wigan in the quarter-finals of the Super League Premiership Trophy (a Correspondent writes). Oldham bowed out with a spirited performance, but in the end they were outplayed by a side rarely out of second gear.

Relegated Oldham, without seven of their regular team, surprised the Rhinos with a fifth-minute try by the full back, Aicheson, converted by Maloney. Ranson missed a try-scoring chance and Leeds were stung into action. Tries by Lawford and Cummins put them in front and from then on, Oldham crumbled, tries by Masella and Rivett early in the second half stretching the lead to 20-6.

Oldham still had two more acts to play — tries by Leuila and Hill — but Leeds, through Fleary, Holroyd, Newton and Blackmore, answered with four more.

SCORERS: Leeds Rhinos: Tries: Lawford, Masella, Cummins, Rivett, Fleary, Holroyd, Newton, Blackmore. Goals: Harris (5). Oldham Bears: Tries: Aicheson, Leuila, Hill. Goals: Maloney (2)

LEEDS RHINOS: D Gibson; P Hassan, R Blackmore, F Cummins, L Rivett; I Harris, D Lawford; J Field, W Collins, M Masella, A Hay, A Farrell, T Newton. Substitutes: G Holroyd, M Golden, *P Cantillon, D Fleary.*

OLDHAM BEARS: P Aicheson, D Jones, H Hill, J Cowan, S Ranson; F Maloney, P Deacon; G Lord, J Temu, C McKinney, J Famalo, P Topping, L Goodwin. Substitutes: R Myler, D Guest, A Leuila, J McNicholas.

Referee: J Connolly

CRICKET: CHAMPIONSHIP SECURED AGAIN AS RUN-RATE PROVES BEYOND BEDFORDSHIRE

Devon answer Roebuck's challenge

By Michael Austin

LUTON (final day of two): Devon beat Bedfordshire on superior run-rate

IN WINNING the Minor Counties championship for an unprecedented fourth consecutive season, Devon overcame a spirited second-day revival by Bedfordshire, who have not succeeded in taking a title for 25 years.

The match, a fine advertisement for cricket at this level, was given new life by Devon struggling to 99 for six in their second innings and Peter Roebuck setting a sporting victory target of 278 from 67 overs. Devon's win was on higher overall run-rate, Bedfordshire finishing 27 short of the required total yesterday.

To some, Roebuck's declaration may have seemed challenging with Bedfordshire having been restricted to 119 for nine on the first day, but this modest total on an awkward pitch contradicted their impressive run-making this season.

The sun-baked surface eased and Bedfordshire reverted to batting excellence, though not perfection as they fell short in an exciting finale after needing 122 from the final 20 overs.

After Richard Dalton, a former captain of the England indoor team, had restricted Devon with five for 43, Wayne Larkins and Andy Roberts frustrated their attack with an opening stand of 92 in 30 overs.

Larkins skied a catch to deep cover after completing a half-century and finishing with 865 championship runs this season, to add to his 1,024 last summer.

The innings declined from a position of high promise, the low point being the collection of only eight runs from the first six of the final 20 overs bowled by Roebuck, the off spinner, and Richard Coupe, bowling slow left-arm.

Roberts, the former Northamptonshire player, was leg-before to Roebuck while attempting to sweep in the second over and David Clarke was caught in the deep off Coupe. Wickets in hand meant little because the required run-rate gathered momentum against miserly bowling.

David Mercer lofted a catch and Roebuck, the man of the match, dismissed Chris Bullen and Dalton, for a duck, in successive balls. Dalton, 32, had already played admirably for Minor Counties in the Benson and Hedges Cup this season, winning the gold award against Worcestershire, and his nagging bowling yielded the prize wicket of Roebuck, when he held a stinging return catch.

He also bowled Keith Donohue, the top scorer with 45, and Paul Warren in the same over to foreshadow the Devon declaration. Unlike in the first innings, their batsmen had played sketchy strokes and only the partnership of 77 in 29 overs for the seventh wicket between Donohue and Chris Read, the England Under-19 wicketkeeper, sustained the innings and added steel to the victory charge.

☐ The draw for the first and second rounds of the NatWest Trophy next year has been delayed because of the present uncertainty surrounding the future structure of domestic cricket. It will now be made on September 15.

TOM HEVEZI

Donohue attempts to sweep during the Devon second innings

Montgomerie follows in Boon's footsteps to thwart Durham

By Richard Hobson

NORTHAMPTON (Durham won toss): Northamptonshire (4pts) beat Durham by five wickets

DAVID BOON, the Durham captain, has never shirked an issue. His address to the team after the 106-run defeat against Leicestershire on Sunday was "short and to the point", according to one colleague, but it did not quite have the effect desired.

Chastised they may have been, but Durham yesterday still squandered a good opportunity to beat county opposition away from home for the first time in any competition since August 1995. Northamptonshire climbed two places to tenth in the Axa Life League, but Durham remain second from bottom and Alan Walker kicked over a stump in disappointment after Tim Walton had struck him for the winning boundary with an over to spare.

The Durham total of 185 for six on a slow pitch seemed reasonable enough. The home side subsided to 118 for five, but Walton, dropped by Wood on 25, and Richard Montgomerie added 68 in ten overs in an unbroken sixth-wicket partnership. Montgomerie, who has endured a lean season, finished with 86 from 113 balls, his best score in this competition.

There are times when Durham have performed as though they were proud to defend the wooden spoon. Here, though, they fielded diligently and, despite the absence of Brown, their best bowler, because of a side injury, offered no width until the closing stages.

A sombre mood pervaded around the Wantage Road ground, less than ten miles from the Spencer family home in Althorp. Earl Spencer is a patron of the Northamptonshire club and the fixture had been postponed eight days earlier as a mark of respect, after the death of Diana, Princess of Wales. The county flag flew at half-mast.

Northamptonshire, who had beaten Derbyshire convincingly 24 hours earlier, could take further encouragement from the performance here of Graeme Swann, a teenager. Swann scored a century for the England under-19 side last month, but, on the evidence of this match, he may prove more useful as an off spinner. He looped the ball confidently and turned it significantly, and was not flattered by figures of two for 29 from eight overs. His victims, Hutton and Weston, were both caught by Tobin Michael Barnaby Bailey, the young wicketkeeper.

Boon quickly gauged the demands of the surface and hit just three fours in his unbeaten 54 from 70 balls. Montgomerie's innings was just as shrewdly paced. He remained at the crease throughout the reply and reached the boundary just four times.

Walton was more aggressive, driving Walker for successive boundaries during an over that yielded 11 runs to bring the requirement down to 32 from five. He and Montgomerie then chipped away before taking 12 runs from the penultimate over.

Mohammad Akram has flown to Toronto to join the Pakistan team for the Sahara Cup. He will not return to Northamptonshire, who are likely to re-sign Anil Kumble, the India leg spinner, if Shane Warne, the Australian, turns down their offer for next season.

YESTERDAY'S SCOREBOARDS

Axa Life League

Northamptonshire v Durham

NORTHAMPTON (Durham won toss): Northamptonshire (4pts) beat Durham by five wickets

DURHAM

J E Morris b Blain	20
S Hutton c T M B Bailey b Swann	30
†M P Speight b Curran	26
*D C Boon not out	54
J J B Lewis b Penberthy	26
R M S Weston c T M B Bailey b Swann	6
J Wood run out	6
J Boiling not out	1
Extras (b 6, lb 7, w 3)	16
Total (6 wkts, 40 overs)	185

N Killeen, M J Saggers and A Walker did not bat.

FALL OF WICKETS: 1-28, 2-80, 3-86, 4-135, 5-156, 6-181

BOWLING: Blain 8-0-40-1; Taylor 8-1-38-0; Curran 5-0-25-1; Swann 8-0-29-2; Penberthy 7-0-24-1; R J Bailey 4-0-16-0

NORTHAMPTONSHIRE

R R Montgomerie not out	86
A L Penberthy b Wood	0
K M Curran c Lewis b Killeen	16
D J G Sales c Morris b Wood	3
*R J Bailey c Boiling b Saggers	10
A Fordham c Speight b Walker	15
T C Walton not out	41
Extras (b 3, lb 7, w 3, nb 2)	15
Total (5 wkts, 39 overs)	186

J P Taylor, G P Swann, †T M B Bailey and J A R Blain did not bat

FALL OF WICKETS: 1-1, 2-26, 3-41, 4-73, 5-118

BOWLING: Wood 8-0-29-2; Killeen 7-0-31-1; Boiling 8-0-30-0; Saggers 5-0-25-1; Boon 3-0-13-0; Walker 8-0-48-1

Umpires: D J Constant and R Julian

Official correction

September 5: Leicestershire v Durham: scorer transposed names of Killeen and Boiling — corrected details follow

LEICESTERSHIRE: *V J Wells c Hutton b Killeen 2, I J Sutcliffe b Boiling 96, D L Maddy c Symington b Killeen 70, †P A Nixon c sub b Killeen 17, T J Mason b Killeen 0. Bowling: Killeen 8-1-46-4, Boiling 6-0-42-1

DURHAM: J Boiling not out 19, N Killeen b Maddy 1

Aon Risk Trophy Final

Gloucestershire v Surrey

BRISTOL (Gloucestershire won toss): Surrey beat Gloucestershire by three wickets

GLOUCESTERSHIRE

D R Hewson c Hollioake b Benjamin	3
M G N Windows run out	98
T H C Hancock c Batty b Ratcliffe	7
R J Cunliffe b Ratcliffe	8
*R I Dawson c Shahid b Salisbury	61
M J Church c Ratcliffe b Benjamin	50
†R C J Williams not out	21
M J Cawdron not out	5
Extras (lb 6, w 5, nb 18)	29
Total (6 wkts, 50 overs)	282

R P Davis, J M M Averis and K P Sheeraz did not bat

FALL OF WICKETS: 1-4, 2-53, 3-69, 4-192, 5-226, 6-270

BOWLING: Benjamin 10-2-62-2; Tudor 8-0-65-0; Ratcliffe 10-0-54-2; Amin 10-0-37-0; Salisbury 10-0-51-1; Shahid 2-0-17-0

SURREY

N Shahid c and b Davis	78
I J Ward c Cunliffe b Hancock	42
B C Hollioake run out	63
*D J Bicknell c Dawson b Davis	8
J D Ratcliffe c Williams b Dawson	43
J A Knott lbw b Sheeraz	22
†J N Batty not out	3
A J Tudor lbw b Sheeraz	0
I D K Salisbury not out	14
Extras (lb 8, w 4)	12
Total (7 wkts, 48.4 overs)	285

R M Amin and J E Benjamin did not bat

FALL OF WICKETS: 1-102, 2-180, 3-182, 4-210, 5-263, 6-269, 7-269

BOWLING: Averis 5-0-42-0; Sheeraz 10-0-58-2; Windows 7-0-32-0; Hancock 8-4-0-49-1; Davis 10-0-53-2; Cawdron 3-0-22-0; Dawson 5-0-21-1

Umpires: A A Jones and B Leadbeater

Minor Counties championship final

Bedfordshire v Devon

LUTON (final day of two): Devon beat Bedfordshire on a higher run rate in drawn game

DEVON: First Innings 216 for 5 (N A Folland 58, P M Roebuck 56 not out)

Second Innings

N R Gaywood lbw b Sher	34
K A O Barrett b Bullen	10
N A Folland c Bullen b Dalton	5
G T J Townsend b Roberts	28
*P M Roebuck c and b Dalton	4
A J Pugh lbw b Dalton	7
†C M W Read not out	30
K Donohue b Dalton	45
P M Warren b Dalton	0
J Rhodes not out	4
Extras (b 3, lb 6, nb 4)	13
Total (8 wkts dec)	180

FALL OF WICKETS: 1-48, 2-48, 3-79, 4-87, 5-99, 6-99, 7-176, 8-176

BOWLING: Dalton 20-6-43-5; Sher 10-4-27-1; White 4-1-10-0; Bullen 16-4-51-1; Roberts 17-7-40-1

BEDFORDSHIRE: First Innings 119 for 9

Second Innings

W Larkins c Pugh b Rhodes	51
A R Roberts lbw b Roebuck	62
D R Clarke c Gaywood b Coupe	36
D J M Mercer c Warren b Rhodes	38
C K Bullen c Pugh b Roebuck	19
R N Dalton c Gaywood b Roebuck	0
*P D B Hoare not out	8
Z A Sher not out	16
Extras (b 9, lb 10, nb 2)	21
Total (6 wkts)	251

FALL OF WICKETS: 1-92, 2-159, 3-163, 4-220, 5-223, 6-223

BOWLING: Donohue 9-1-38-0; Warren 4-0-21-0; Roebuck 27-4-67-3; Coupe 17-1-69-1; Pugh 2-0-7-0; Rhodes 8-0-30-2

Umpires: P Adams and M P Moran

Elite clubs let guard drop

By Sarah Potter

WOMEN'S cricket went on to the front foot this summer in a determined effort to raise its profile and credibility. England's series win over South Africa was deserved and reflected the behind-the-scenes attempt to be more professional and image-conscious. A pity, then, that the Premier League final, supposedly the most prized domestic club competition, was such a poor advertisement for the game.

The 50-overs match, played at Milton Keynes on Sunday, was a repeat of the final last year, in which the South's champions, Invicta, of Kent, beat their northern counterparts, Wakefield, on the last ball of the match. Although the sides contrived another close finish on Sunday, any sense of excitement was lost among the butter-fingered fielding and naive tactics.

It was curiously low-key from the start. The pitch was slow and spirits subdued. Invicta opted to bat and in doing so had to contend with the more difficult conditions. But that is how they won it last year and they believed in their own psychology, despite being restricted to 134 for eight. In the absence of long run-ups and with no fielding restrictions, the slow over rate of both sides was baffling. Wakefield inexcusably failed to bowl their 50 overs in the required three hours.

Mountain-bikers riding on the hillside paused only briefly, perhaps to register the white skirts once again on view instead of trousers. Even traditional dress looked scruffy as one player rolled down her socks and puffed a cigarette at the boundary edge during the afternoon drinks interval; just the image that England players do not want watching eyes to see.

One of the spectators was Jo Jordan (née Chamberlain), England's outstanding player of the 1993 World Cup final at Lord's. She remains an ever-present supporter, but she no longer has the will to play. How sad that the game could not hold on to such a talent.

There, though, lies the biggest problem for women's cricket. How to bridge the yawning gap between club and country. Clare Taylor, one of Wakefield's three internationals, said that the drop in standards can sometimes make motivation difficult.

"You have to make allowances for players who maybe aren't going to stop the ball or take catches," she said. "That's hard when you've just come from an England set-up."

Barbara Daniels had the self-motivation to outshine her England colleagues on Sunday, turning the game Invicta's way with two important wickets that left Wakefield 16 runs short, but, as executive director of the Women's Cricket Association, she admitted that a development structure must begin from grass roots.

"There is nothing we can do for club cricket as we stand," she said. "It is one of the main reasons for merger with the ECB [England and Wales Cricket Board]. We need to increase the number of clubs through a national development programme, have the structure to sustain development and eventually split the leagues to make the standard more uniform and challenging."

LEADING FIRST-CLASS AVERAGES

Batting

Qualification: 6 completed innings

		M	I	NO	Runs	HS	Avge	100	50
1	S P James (Glamorgan)	16	26	3	1752	162	76.17	7	8
2	D S Lehmann (Yorkshire)	15	23	2	1373	182	65.38	4	8
3	R T Ponting (Australia)	8	12	3	571	127	63.44	2	2
4	N C Johnson (Leicestershire)	12	18	5	819	150	63.00	2	5
5	G P Thorpe (Surrey)	14	23	4	1160	222	61.05	3	6
6	M R Ramprakash (Middlesex)	17	27	4	1393	190	60.56	6	6
7	S G Law (Essex)	15	24	2	1324	175	60.18	5	6
8	M T G Elliott (Australia)	12	19	0	1091	199	57.42	4	5
9	M L Hayden (Hampshire)	15	26	3	1309	235*	56.91	4	6
10	G A Hick (Worcestershire)	16	25	4	1162	164*	55.33	5	4
11	M P Maynard (Glamorgan)	16	22	6	882	161*	55.12	2	5
12	N V Knight (Warwickshire)	9	14	3	606	119*	55.09	2	2
13	R J Turner (Somerset)	15	24	7	929	144	54.64	1	7
14	S R Waugh (Australia)	13	17	0	924	154	54.35	4	4
15	P J Prichard (Essex)	15	23	2	1099	224	52.33	3	8
16	M A Ealham (Kent)	16	26	8	937	139	52.05	3	5
17	B F Smith (Leicestershire)	11	16	5	559	131*	50.81	2	2
18	G D Rose (Somerset)	16	23	8	757	191	50.46	2	2
19	K M Curran (Northants)	13	22	3	958	159	50.42	2	5
20	A D Brown (Surrey)	12	17	1	797	170*	49.81	3	2

* denotes not out

Bowling

Qualification: 20 wickets

		O	M	R	W	Avge	BB	5I	10m
1	P M Hutchison (Yorkshire)	154.1	34	475	34	13.97	7-38	3	1
2	A A Donald (Warwickshire)	362	113	851	54	15.75	6-55	3	1
3	A M Smith (Gloucestershire)	459.5	112	1318	74	17.81	6-45	5	3
4	P R Reiffel (Australia)	188.4	49	520	28	18.57	5-49	2	—
5	K D James (Hampshire)	161.1	37	504	27	18.66	8-49	2	1
6	Saqlain Mushtaq (Surrey)	254.5	75	617	32	19.28	5-17	4	2
7	D R Brown (Warwickshire)	468.3	116	1455	75	19.40	8-89	3	1
8	S K Warne (Australia)	433.4	112	1154	57	20.24	7-103	4	—
9	B J Phillips (Kent)	262.1	71	800	39	20.51	5-47	2	—
10	G D McGrath (Australia)	363.4	104	1012	49	20.65	8-38	2	—
11	Azhar Mehmood (Pakistan A)	290.5	66	829	40	20.72	5-66	1	—
12	P C R Tufnell (Middlesex)	447.4	146	988	47	21.02	7-66	2	1
13	M M Betts (Durham)	268	62	869	41	21.19	9-64	3	1
14	M C Ilott (Essex)	257.5	76	738	34	21.70	7-59	1	—
15	D E Malcolm (Derbyshire)	499.1	78	1626	74	21.97	6-23	5	2
16	Waqar Younis (Glamorgan)	385.4	78	1313	59	22.25	8-17	3	1
17	J H Kallis (Middlesex)	191.3	50	558	25	22.32	5-54	1	—
18	J P Hewitt (Middlesex)	390	86	1239	55	22.52	6-14	2	—
19	P J Martin (Lancashire)	448.3	129	1242	54	23.00	8-32	3	1
20	P J Hartley (Yorkshire)	170	39	532	23	23.13	5-34	1	—

☐ Source: ECB / PA Cricket Record

Hollioake stands in as second

By John Stern

BRISTOL (Gloucestershire won toss): Surrey second XI beat Gloucestershire second XI by three wickets

IT IS handy to have the odd uncapped Test player on the staff to use when a trophy, albeit a second XI one, is on offer. Ben Hollioake, despite an injured ankle, scored 63 from 62 balls to help Surrey to win the Aon Risk Trophy with eight balls to spare.

Whether players such as Hollioake, who did not bowl because of his injury, and Ian Salisbury should be appearing at this level is debatable, but Surrey were perfectly entitled to play them.

The speed at which the Surrey openers, Nadeem Shahid and Ian Ward, set off in pursuit of their target of 283 proved the decisive factor in the match. Gloucestershire's total of 282 for six, of which 98 by Matthew Windows was the highlight, had appeared formidable, although it took a partnership of 123 for the fourth wicket between Windows and Bobby Dawson to rescue the innings.

Shahid and Ward batted as Surrey openers tend to do in any form of one-day cricket and after only eight overs they had put on 74. The hundred came up in the fourteenth over with Shahid reaching his own half-century from 33 balls.

Hollioake looked in discomfort when required to run although, with two sixes and six fours, he tried his best to keep movement to a minimum. However, after his dismissal, a flurry of wickets gave Gloucestershire hope before Salisbury finished it off with three boundaries.

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CHANGING TIMES

FOOTBALL: SCOTTISH PREMIER DIVISION IN BREAKAWAY

Leading clubs to form league of their own

By Kevin McCarra

THE ten clubs that constitute the premier division of the Scottish Football League (SFL) tendered their resignations yesterday and announced that they intend to form a new league, run under the auspices of the Scottish Football Association (SFA), which will start next season.

A press conference today is to provide fuller details of a scheme that will echo the FA Premier League in England, which started in 1992. That retained a link, through the system of relegation, with the clubs that were left behind in the Football League. A similar settlement is likely in Scotland.

Although an earlier attempt to break with the existing structure in Scotland collapsed in 1993, financial motives are stronger now. The present television contracts and the sponsorship deals with Bell's and Coca-Cola expire next summer.

The clubs that intend to form the breakaway league believe that they will be far more effective negotiators than the existing authorities. However, Rick Parry, the former chief executive of the FA Premier League, has cautioned against the belief that a change of nomenclature alone can bring prosperity. "You don't have untold riches thrown at you because you have become different," he said.

Existing contracts were, however, framed before the boom in football's fortunes. Television rights to the league and Scottish Coca-Cola Cup bring in only £12 million over four years for clubs. Covetous eyes are cast on England, where Premier League clubs will receive £670 million between now and 2001.

The SFL does not accept that significant sums are being drained away by the smaller clubs. At the moment, the ten members of the premier division receive 87 per cent of the television rights. "They cannot have any more of the cake," Peter Donald, the secretary of the SFL, said, "because they already have almost all of it, and the cream as well." Nonetheless, a report commissioned from Deloitte & Touche, the accountancy consultants, has persuaded the prominent clubs that a separate league would be lucrative.

Only the means of having it legitimised by the SFA remains in doubt. John McBeth, vice-president of the SFA and a director of Clyde, the Bell's League second division club, said: "The SFA would have little option to accept them, so long as they are not breaking an agreement with the other members of the Scottish Football League. If they lack that blessing, then they have a problem."

The brief comments made by the premier division clubs suggested that they seek consensus rather than conflict. "Our proposal will will be good for Scottish football as a whole," Lex Gold, the chairman of Hibernian, said. If they are to win their freedom, he and his counterparts may have to pay compensation to the clubs left behind.

"So long as the clubs who have tendered their resignation can offer security to the others, there may be little or no resistance," Donald said. Two years' notice of resignation is supposed to be given, but the management committee has the right to waive that condition. Six of its 12 members come from the premier division and the president of the SFL, Doug Smith, of Dundee United, could exercise his casting vote in favour of the breakaway clubs. The committee next meets on September 18.

Of greater significance is rule 51 of the SFL, which states that the players of clubs who have resigned become the property of the SFL. Donald, in theory, would thus be able to sell off every premier division player, including men such as Paul Gascoigne and Brian Laudrup.

Pedersen seizes second chance with Blackburn

By David Maddock

BLACKBURN Rovers yesterday completed the £500,000 signing of Tore Pedersen, much to the relief of their manager, Roy Hodgson, who has spent the past two months attempting to bring the Norway defender to Lancashire. Pedersen signed a four-year contract after Blackburn had finally agreed the fee with Saint Pauli, his German club.

Pedersen had an extended trial with Oldham Athletic in 1984 but before he could sign permanently he damaged cruciate ligaments and was out of football for almost a year. "It was the worst moment of my career," he said yesterday. "I was injured in an FA Cup quarter-final against Bolton and I thought that was the end of any chance I would ever get in England. I also missed out on the World Cup finals after I had played all ten qualifying games."

Faustino Asprilla, the Newcastle United forward, has escaped punishment from Uefa after being cited for a foul by the match observer during the second Champions' League qualifying match against Croatia Zagreb.

Middlesbrough have ordered Fabrizio Ravanelli to return to the club. The Italy striker went home last week, apparently to join up with the national team for international duty, but did not make the final squad. Bryan Robson, the Middlesbrough manager, has made it clear that the centre forward will no longer figure in his first-team plans and has indicated that he is willing to sell him.

Irwin offers worldly wisdom

From Russell Kempson
in Vilnius, Lithuania

EVEN if Ireland lose against Lithuania here in the shabby Valgiris Stadium tomorrow, a result that would leave their chances of reaching the World Cup finals hanging by a thread, Denis Irwin can still contemplate another campaign in the sport's premier competition. At 31, the quiet yet ultra-dependable Manchester United defender has a few more years of international combat ahead of him.

Not so Ray Houghton, 35, Andy Townsend, 34, and Tony Cascarino, 35, who have entered the twilight "veteran" zone and are unlikely to be involved again at the highest level. Unless, that is, Ireland can beat Lithuania, which would almost guarantee them second place in group eight and take them into the play-offs.

"I'm sure I'm good for one more World Cup, maybe two," Irwin said yesterday as he relaxed at Ireland's rural training camp on the outskirts of the city.

"Perhaps it's a last chance for the likes of Ray and Tony, perhaps it's what they're thinking, and that's why the game here is so important."

Houghton, because of injury, and Townsend, because of suspension, will not be able to influence the outcome this evening but Irwin should return after a two-match absence to win his 46th cap. He will replace Jeff Kenna, who is also suspended, and still has fond memories of Ireland's participation in the United States three years ago.

Irwin: set to return

"You can't beat playing in the World Cup finals," Irwin said. "It's the aim of every player to play at the top of his profession; it's the best stage of all. When you've done it once, you obviously want more of the same."

Mick McCarthy, the Ireland manager, has similar experience — he captained his country during the 1990 finals in Italy — and he is optimistic, especially after the 4-2 win in Iceland on Saturday, of at least qualifying for the two-leg play-offs later this year. "I think we'll reach them, which would be a great achievement," he said. "We'll just have to see what happens then."

Muir and Archie Brown in perfect harmony. Photograph: Julian Herbert/Allsport

Muir clears the rest aside to break through at Blenheim

By Jenny MacArthur

PADDY MUIR, the daughter of a Cleveland farmer, gained the biggest success of her career when she and her home-bred Archie Brown won The Blenheim Vauxhall Monterey International Horse Trials yesterday after completing one of only seven clear rounds in the showjumping.

Mary King, who had led the three-day event from the start, dropped to third place — behind Bruce Davidson, of the United States, on Heyday — when King William, displaying his customary disdain for this phase, had three fences down, incurring 15 penalties.

Although King William's faults were no surprise, Muir, the runner-up two years ago on Maisy Brown, had not expected Davidson, lying second, to make a mistake on Heyday, his Olympic team silver medal-winner. "I'm just thrilled for my horse," she said. "He's always been knocking at the door, but he's never really had a big win."

The striking grey gelding, 13, has had three clear rounds at Badminton, finishing ninth last year, but Muir, 34, decided to drop him to three-star events this year. "He's much happier at this level," she said. "He was always struggling at four-star events. He's not a great galloping machine."

King William, who displayed his gallop to breathtaking effect in the cross country on Sunday, has also been dropped a level, but for different reasons. "He hates the atmosphere in the arena at Badminton — it's his nerves which make him knock so many jumps down there," King said.

She had thought that the quieter atmosphere at Blenheim would help him, and had her hopes raised when he was clear until fence 10. "I decided to let him run on then in order to set him up for the final line," King said. The plan failed when King William hit fences 10, 11a and 12.

Despite finishing third, King is the new leader in the world rider rankings. "He [King William] gave me a fabulous ride on Sunday — he doesn't owe me anything," she said.

The postponement of the showjumping until yesterday because of the funeral of Diana, Princess of Wales, meant a smaller crowd than usual. The atmosphere was subdued further by the death of the Irish rider, Samuel Moore, on Sunday after he fell at fence 19. The remaining four Irish riders withdrew from the showjumping. All riders wore black armbands yesterday.

Alan Oliver's 13-fence course proved more difficult than it looked and clear rounds were at a premium. Mark Todd, of New Zealand, the dual Olympic champion, dropped from fifth to eighth place after incurring ten faults on the young Word for Word.

Tracey Dillon, so impressive in the cross country, moved from fourth to twelfth with 15 penalties on Joe's Surprise, but Ian Stark, of Great Britain, underlined the impact of a clear round when he moved up from thirteenth to fifth place on The Moose.

IN BRIEF

Frustration for Obree after date is changed

GRAEME OBREE suffered his second significant setback within the past two weeks yesterday. The former world pursuit champion, who did not compete after travelling with the Britain track pursuit squad to the world cycling championships in Perth, learnt that he will not, after all, be able to take part in the grand prix of France 60-kilometre time-trial (Peter Bryan writes).

The British Cycling Federation confirmed yesterday that the event had been postponed until October 11, a date that clashes with the world road championship series in Spain — an event for which Obree is determined to earn selection.

Marcel Wust, of Germany, had his second victory in succession in the third stage of the Tour of Spain yesterday. Wust led a mass pack of 180 riders at the end of the 173-kilometre race from Loulé, in Portugal, to Huelva, in Spain. Lars Michaelson, Denmark, who crashed heavily on Sunday, retained the overall lead.

Morgan moves on

Bowls: Betty Morgan, who partnered Robert Weale to the Welsh mixed pairs title for the fourth time on Sunday, was involved in the semi-finals of three Welsh championships at Lampeter yesterday (David Rhys Jones writes).

Morgan went through to the finals of the four-wood and two-wood singles events and helped Llandrindod Wells into the final of the inter-club championship. She will have to beat Ann Lewis, of Saundersfoot, in the four-wood final on Thursday to qualify for a crack at the British title next year.

Fittipaldi crash

Motor racing: Emerson Fittipaldi, the former world champion, suffered a fracture of his lower back when the plane that he was flying crashed into a swamp 200 miles north of São Paulo, Brazil. Doctors said that Fittipaldi, 50, and his six-year-old son, Luca, only survived because the plane crashed into the swamp.

Germany galling

Hockey: England's hopes of qualifying for the semi-finals were ended by a 0-0 draw with Germany in their final group match in the women's junior World Cup in Seoul yesterday. England were thwarted by defensive tactics and negative defending. "It was a cynical approach by the Germans," Gavin Featherstone, the coach, said.

Schumann leads

Sailing: Jochen Schumann, the triple Olympic medal-winner, won the second race of the Soling European championships off Troon yesterday. Schumann, of Germany, leads overall after two victories, with Philippe Presti, the Finn world champion from France, second and Andy Beadsworth, of Britain, third.

TODAY'S FIXTURES

FOOTBALL

Kick-off 7.30 unless stated

European Under-21 championship
Qualifying group two
England v Moldova
(at Wycombe Wanderers FC, 7.45) ...

Group eight
Lithuania v Ireland
(at Vilnius, 5.0) ...

Nationwide League
First division
Huddersfield v Birmingham (7.45) ...
Port Vale v Stockport (7.45) ...

Second division
Bristol Rovers v Walsall (7.45) ...
Fulham v Plymouth (7.45) ...
Grimsby v York (7.45) ...
Northampton v Luton (7.45) ...
Oldham v Preston (7.45) ...

Third division
Darlington v Swansea ...
Exeter v Cardiff (7.45) ...
Shrewsbury v Rochdale (7.45) ...

Vauxhall Conference
Cheltenham v Leek (7.45) ...
Dover v Yeovil (7.45) ...
Hereford v Farnborough (7.45) ...
Kettering v Woking (7.45) ...

Scottish Coca-Cola Cup
Quarter-finals
Dunfermline v Hearts (7.45) ...
Rangers v Dundee Utd (7.45) ...

DR MARTENS LEAGUE: Premier division: Rothwell v Bromsgrove (7.45). Midland division: Blakenall v Evesham, Brackley Town v Sutton Coldfield Town. Southern division: Trowbridge v Havant. Cup: Preliminary round, second leg: Gloucester v Weston-super-Mare, Gresley v Tamworth.

ICIS LEAGUE: Second division: Marlow v Barking.

UNIBOND LEAGUE: Premier division: Alfreton v Altrincham, Bamber Bridge v Leigh RMI; Barrow v Accrington Stanley; Blyth Spartans v Lancaster; Colwyn Bay v Chorley; Frickley v Boston; Spennymoor v Emley. First division: Belper Town v Lincoln United, Congleton v Buxton, Eastwood Town v Bradford PA; Ave: Great Harwood v Farsley Celtic, Gretna v Netherfield, Stocksbridge PS v Matlock Town, Whitley Bay v Harrogate Town, Witton Albion v Droylsden, Workington v Whitby, Worksop v Trafford, Ashton United v Flixton.

AVON INSURANCE COMBINATION: First division: Arsenal v Southampton (2.0), Crystal Palace v Brighton (at Plough Lane, 2.0), Millwall v Portsmouth (2.0), West Ham v Watford (at Southend United FC, 7.45).

PONTIN'S LEAGUE: Premier division: Derby v Everton (at the Baseball Ground, 7.0). Second division: Sheffield Utd v Barnsley (7.0). Third division: Scarborough v Newcastle (7.0).

LEAGUE OF WALES: Inter Cable-Tel v Haverfordwest, Newtown v Cwmbran, Rhyl v Caernarfon, Total Net Solutions v Cemaes Ynys Mon (7.45).

FAI HARP LAGER NATIONAL LEAGUE CUP: Play-off: Galway v Home Farm (8.0).

WILKINSON SWORD LEAGUE CUP: Final: Linfield v Glentoran (at Windsor Park, Belfast).

MINERVA SPARTAN SOUTH MIDLANDS LEAGUE: Premier division north, Arlesey Town v Harpenden.

ENDSLEIGH MIDLAND COMBINATION: Premier division: Cheslyn Hay v Studley BKL, Alvechurch v GPT (Coventry).

HELLENIC LEAGUE: Premier division: Banbury v Fairford, Carterton v North Leigh, Harrow Hill v Shortwood.

COURAGE COMBINED COUNTIES LEAGUE: Premier division: Cove v Westfield; Godalming and Guildford v Ash, Viking Sports v Feltham.

NORTH WEST COUNTIES LEAGUE: First division: Atherton Collieries v Prescot Cables, Haslingden v Mossley, Holker Old Boys v Salford; Maine Road v Chadderton; Warrington v Kidsgrove.

BANKS'S BREWERY LEAGUE: Premier division: Cradley Town v Wolverhampton.

JEWSON WESSEX LEAGUE: First division: Lymington v East Cowes, Bournemouth v Thatcham Town; Gosport v Christchurch, Ryde Sports v Portsmouth.

UNIJET SUSSEX COUNTY LEAGUE: First division: Portfield v Pagham, Redhill v Whitehawk, Wick v Selsey. John O'Hara League Cup: First round, Shoreham v Withdean. Second round: Hailsham v Lancing.

FA CARLSBERG VASE: First qualifying round: Easington Colliery v Norton and Stockton Ancients, Oldham v Thackley; Burscough v Blackpool Wren, Maltby Main v Arnold, Stansted v East Thurrock; Chalfont St Peter v Ilford, Hertford v Flackwell Heath; Hornchurch v Wealdstone; Christchurch v Sandhurst; Glapwell v Hall Road, Glossop North End v Vauxhall GM, Pershore T v Wellingborough, Shifnal T v Wednesfield, Braintree v Brightlingsea, Hanwell v Harlow, Saltdean v Three Bridges, Folkestone Invicta v East Preston; Pagham v Redhill.

INTERLINK EXPRESS ALLIANCE: Bloxwich Town v Barwell; Bridgnorth v Rushall O; Knypersley V v Pelsall V, Sandwell v Chasetown, Stratford T v Oldbury; Willenhall v Halesowen H.

NORTHERN COUNTIES EAST LEAGUE: Premier division: Armthorpe Welfare v Eccleshill, Curzon Ashton v Brigg Town, Denaby v Sheffield, Glasshoughton Welfare v Hatfield Main, Hucknall Town v Liversedge: North Ferriby v Pickering; Ossett Albion v Hallam, Selby v Pontefract Cols.

FA YOUTH CUP: Preliminary round: Barnet v Hillingdon Borough.

CRICKET

Axa Life League
12.40, 40 overs
OLD TRAFFORD: Lancashire v Essex

SECOND XI CHAMPIONSHIP (first day of four): Bristol: Gloucestershire v Worcestershire

RUGBY UNION

European Conference
Pool D
Connacht v Northampton
(at Sports Ground, Galway, 3.0) ....

SRU League Trophy
Group A
Edinburgh Acads v Musselburgh (6.30)

OTHER SPORT

SPEEDWAY: Amateur League: 5: Ausleil v Mildenhall (6.45)

TENNIS: Samsung Open (at Bournemouth)

FOR THE RECORD

FOOTBALL

Nationwide League
Second division

WIGAN (1) 3 WREXHAM (0) 2
O'Connell 36, Lowe 72, Jones 78 (pen) — Spink 57, 82 — 3,872

Third division

COLCHESTER (1) 3 BRIGHTON (0) 1
Greene 4, 57, Abrahams 49 — Baird 47 — 3,081

DR MARTENS LEAGUE: Premier division: Nuneaton 3 Bath 3; Worcester City 2 Salisbury 0

UNIBOND LEAGUE: Premier divison: Hyde Utd 4 Gainsborough 1.

PONTIN'S LEAGUE: Premier division: Stoke City 0 Leeds United 4. First division: Sunderland 4 Notts County 1, Wolverhampton Wanderers 1 Middlesbrough 1.

AVON INSURANCE COMBINATION: First division: Chelsea 1 Ipswich Town 1

NORTH WEST COUNTIES LEAGUE: First division: Clitheroe 4 Darwen 1

FA YOUTH CUP: First qualifying round: Yeovil Town 1 Chippenham Town 2

EGYPT: Under-17 World Cup: Group A: Egypt 1 Chile 1, Germany 3 Thailand 0. Group B: Spain 1 Mali 0, Mexico 5 New Zealand 0. Group C: Brazil 3 United States 0; Oman 3 Austria 1

WOMEN'S WORLD CUP: Group three: Finland 1 Switzerland 0. Group four: Iceland 3 Ukraine 2

Sunday's late results

FA YOUTH CUP: Preliminary round: Warrington 2 Chadderton 2

SPANISH LEAGUE: Español 1 Celta Vigo 1, Deportivo La Coruña 1 Mallorca 1, Merida 3 Compostela 3; Real Sociedad 1 Racing Santander 0, Salamanca 0 Real Madrid 2, Sporting Gijón 0 Tenerife 2; Real Zaragoza 3 Oviedo 3

WORLD CUP: Concacaf qualifying zone: Final round: United States 1 Costa Rica 0 (in Portland, Oregon), Jamaica 1 Canada 0 (in Kingston).

BRAZILIAN CHAMPIONSHIP: Atlético Mineiro 2 Bragantino 1, Bahia 1 Corinthians 2, Botafogo 0 Internacional 2; Flamengo 2 Cruzeiro 0; Gremio 3 Vasco da Gama 1, Guarani 3 Vitoria 3, Juventude 3 America-Natal 3, Parana 1 Coritiba 1, Santos 2 Criciuma 0, São Paulo 0 Palmeiras 2, Sport Recife 1 Goias 0, União São João 0 Portuguesa 1

SCOTTISH CHALLENGE CUP: Semi-final draw: Hamilton Academical v Falkirk; Greenock Morton v Queen of South
☐ Ties to be played September 16 and 17

AMERICAN FOOTBALL

NATIONAL LEAGUE (NFL): New York Jets 22 Buffalo 28, Atlanta 6 Carolina 9 Baltimore 23 Cincinnati 10, Miami 16 Tennessee 13 (OT); Chicago 24 Minnesota 27 Indianapolis 6 New England 31, New Orleans 6 San Diego 20, St Louis 12 San Francisco 15, Detroit 17 Tampa Bay 24 Pittsburgh 14 Washington 13, Seattle 14 Denver 35; Philadelphia 10 Green Bay 9, Jacksonville 40 New York Giants 13, Arizona 25 Dallas 22 (OT)

BASEBALL

NATIONAL LEAGUE: Montreal 1 Philadelphia 2, Cincinnati 6 Pittsburgh 3, Chicago Cubs 2 New York Mets 9; Colorado 7 St Louis 4, Los Angeles 9 Florida 5 San Diego 0 Atlanta 4; San Francisco 5 Houston 1

AMERICAN LEAGUE: Boston 11 Milwaukee 2 Detroit 4 Anaheim 5 (15inns), Toronto 4 Texas 0 New York Yankees 10 Baltimore 3; Kansas City 4 Oakland 9, Minnesota 9 Seattle 6, Cleveland 5 Chicago White Sox 2

PARIS: European championships: Final: Italy 4 Holland 2. Final positions: 1, Italy; 2, Holland 2, 3, Spain; 4, Russia 5, France; 6, Belgium; 7, Sweden, 8, Czech Republic; 9, Great Britain; 10, Germany; 11, Ukraine, 12, Slovenia.

BASKETBALL

MEN'S NATIONAL TROPHY: Pool matches: Barking and Dagenham 55 Richmond 103 Mid Sussex 69 Guildford 76

BOWLS

CARDIFF: Ashbourne Homes Welsh national mixed pairs championship: Semi-finals: B Morgan and R Weale (Mid-Wales) bt K Lloyd and T Carmon (Mid-Glamorgan) 23-15, J Stride and G Carlisle (Vale of Glamorgan) bt V and T Sullivan (West Glamorgan) 24-7. Final: Morgan and Weale bt Stride and Carlisle, 24-18.

LAMPETER: Welsh Women's Bowling Association national championships: Semi-finals: Singles: A Lewis (Saundersfoot) bt M Jones (Hoover) 21-18, B Morgan (Llandrindod Wells) bt B J Thomas (Croesyceiliog) 21-9. Two-wood singles: L Evans (Port Talbot) bt B Chapman (Beechwood) 14-12; B Morgan (Llandrindod Wells) bt D Rowlands (Llandrindod Wells) 18-5. Under-25 singles: P Summerfield (Llandrindod Wells) bt J Jones (Llandrindod Wells) 21-4; W Price (Llandrindod Wells) bt C A Davies (Vivian Park) 21-20. Pairs: Z Silverthorne and J Hine (Croesyceiliog) bt B and R Morgan (Port Talbot) 23-14, M Davies and D Rowlands (Llandrindod Wells) bt L Gilchrist and V Howell (Guest Memorial) 25-14. Triples: Port Talbot (L Evans) bt Knighton (L Parker) 18-15, Mount Pleasant (J de Souza) bt Aberaeron (S Davies) 19-10. Fours: Llantrisant (J Thornton) bt Porth (G Southcombe) 26-17; Port Talbot (L Evans) bt Penarth Belle Vue (J Ackland) 25-19. Two-fours: Llandrindod Wells bt Bridgend Municipal 40-33, Sophia Gardens bt Mount Pleasant 46-36

CRICKET

FORT STERLING BOLTON LEAGUE: Tonge 217-8dec Astley Bridge 165-9 (Tonge are champions), Heaton 169-8dec Eagley 175-1, Horwich 184-5dec Little Lever 122, Kearsley 155-9dec Egerton 157-5; Westhoughton 243-5dec Walkden 182-7.

CENTRAL LANCASHIRE LEAGUE: Littleborough 133 Radcliffe 134-6; Norden 106 Oldham 110-5, Heywood 134 Werneth 135-1; Rochdale 184-7 Ashton 136 (Rochdale are champions), Stand 150-7 Middleton 151-9, Milnrow 220-5 Unsworth 209; Walsden 204-7 Crompton 208-9

HERTFORDSHIRE LEAGUE: Letchworth 187-8 Hemel Hempstead 191-2; Langleybury 219-6 Sawbridgeworth 134, Luton Town 141-9 Knebworth Park 97, Hoddesdon 85 Radlett 86-0 (Hoddesdon are champions); North Mymms 186-8 Hitchin 46; Berkhamsted 167 Potters Bar 117; Stevenage 197-9 Welwyn Garden City 156-8, Cheshunt 137 Bishop's Stortford 141-7; Barnet 174-8 Watford Town 178-4

DRAKES HUDDERSFIELD LEAGUE: Holmfirth 115 Linthwaite 93, Kirkburton 231-4 Lascelles Hall 98; Honley 139-9 Elland 142-3 Broad Oak 200-8 Skelmanthorpe 205-2, Meltham 240-5 Thongsbridge 93; Scholes 201-8 Slaithwaite 202-7, Marsden 146-8 Shepley 147-7

E W CARTON LANCASHIRE LEAGUE: Burnley 149-5 Bacup 151-2; Nelson 194-7 Church 196-7; Colne 171-8 Accrington 152; Lowerhouse 104 East Lancs 106-1, Enfield 195-8 Haslingden 133 (Haslingden are champions); Ramsbottom 167-3 Rishton 111, Rawtenstall 104 Todmorden 98-9

LEES BREWERY LANCASHIRE COUNTY LEAGUE: Chesham Hill 153-8 Thornham 146; Sale Moor 113 Denton 114-4, Denton St Law 154-6 Glossop 121-8; Woodbank 114-9dec Irlam 115-3; Dukinfield 103 Prestwich 107-3, Roe Green 175-7 Denton West 178-5

WILLIAM YOUNGER NORTH LANCASHIRE LEAGUE: Askam 125-9 Carlisle 83-9, Lindal 179-8 Carnforth 126-6; Cleator 158-5 Dalton 97; Furness 268-7 Penrith 120-7; Whitehaven 210-4 Haverigg 59; Workington 68 Millom 72-5, Ulverston 142-8 Vickers Sports 111; Barrow 77 Vickerstown 80-3.

APS TWO COUNTIES CHAMPIONSHIP: Mistley 169-8 Colchester 172-4; Braintree 75 Frinton 78-0

YORKSHIRE LEAGUE: York 120 Harrogate 121-0 (Harrogate are champions)

CYCLING

BRITISH TEAM CHAMPIONSHIP: Final: Poole 92 Leicester 84

TOUR OF SPAIN: Third stage (Loulé to Huelva, 173.3km): 1, M Wust (Ger, Lotus) 4hr 28min 07sec; 2, F Guidi (It, Scrigno-Gaerne), 3, S Teutenberg (Ger, US Postal Service); 4, M Zanotti (It, Aki-Safi), 5, L van Bon (Holl, Rabobank); 6, S Barthe (Fr, Casino), 7, L Michaelsen (Den, TVM); 8, O Rodrigues (Por, Banesto), 9, E Leoni (It, Aki-Safi): 10, L Jalabert (Fr, ONCE) all same time; 126, C Boardman (GB, GAN) at 37. Leading overall positions: 1, Michaelsen 14hr 11min 36sec; 2, Guidi at 01sec; 3, C Chiappucci (It, Asics-CGA) 7, 4, Jalabert 9; 5, A Canzonieri (It, Saeco) same time; 71, Boardman at 53sec.

EQUESTRIANISM

BLENHEIM: Vauxhall Monterey International Horse Trials: 1, Archie Brown (P Muir, GB) 53.60pts, 2, Heyday (B Davidson, US) 59.05; 3, King William (M King, GB) 60.20; 4, Perryfields George (L Law, GB) 60.95; 5, The Moose (I Stark, GB) 62.40; 6, Ice Dancer II (R Friend, GB) 63.0. Land-Rover/FEI world three-day event rider rankings: 1, King 281pts; 2, M Todd (NZ) 268; 3, A Nicholson (NZ) 260; 4, B Tait (NZ) 242; 5, D O'Connor (US) 205, 6, Davidson 205

GOLF

MONTREAL: Canadian Open: Leading final scores (United States unless stated): 275: S Jones 71, 68, 67, 69. 276: G Norman (Aus) 66, 72, 69, 69. 277: P Tataurangi (NZ) 69, 67, 72, 69. 278: D Ogrin 69, 70, 72, 67; F Lickliter 68, 72, 68, 70. 279: D Love 70, 67, 77, 65, J Leonard 70, 70, 69, 70. 280: F Allem (SA) 69, 69, 73, 69; D Frost (SA) 71, 69, 71, 69; P Stewart 66, 72, 72, 70. 282: C Perry 71, 72, 72, 67; H Sutton 71, 69, 71, 71

PORTLAND, Oregon: Safeway LPGA championship: Leading final scores (United States unless stated): 206: C Johnson 70, 70, 66. 207: K Saiki 69, 72, 66, L Hackney (GB) 68, 69, 70. 208: S Waugh (Aus) 67, 69, 72. 209: J Inkster 71, 71, 67; K Williams 69, 72, 69; D Coe-Jones (Can) 69, 69, 71. 210: S Redman 69, 72, 69; K Robbins 68, 73, 69, K Webb (Aus) 67, 70, 73. 211: K Weiss 71, 70, 70; D Kileen 69, 72, 70; T Barrett 70, 69, 72. 212: S Strudwick (GB) 73, 69, 70; E Klein 72, 69, 71, S Steinhauer 68, 72, 72, C Hj Koch (Swe) 69, 70, 73; D Dormann 68, 72, 74

HOCKEY

SEOUL: Women's junior World Cup: Pool A: England 0 Germany 0; Australia 5 China 2; South Korea 6 United States 2; Ukraine 0 Holland 6. Final positions: 1, Australia 15pts; 2, China 8; 3, Germany 8; 4, England 7; 5, Spain 1; 6, Canada 0. Pool B: South Korea 6 United States 2; Holland 6 Ukraine 0

MOTOR RACING

MONTEREY, California: Monterey Grand Prix IndyCar race: 1, J Vasser (US, Reynard-Honda) 83 laps, 1hr 41min 38.813sec; 2, M Blundell (GB, Reynard-Mercedes) 83 laps, at 0.543sec; 3, A Zanardi (It, Reynard-Honda) 83; 4, A Ribeiro (Br, Lola-Honda) 83; 5, G de Ferran (Br, Reynard-Honda) 83, 6, B Herta (US, Reynard-Ford) 83; 7, G Salles (Br, Reynard-Ford) 83; 8, R Boesel (Br, Reynard-Ford) 83, 9, M Gugelmin (Br, Reynard-Mercedes) 82, crash, 10, R Moreno (Br, Reynard-Mercedes) 82.

RUGBY LEAGUE

Stones Premiership
Preliminary round

Leeds 42 Oldham 16

Leeds Rhinos: Tries: Blackmore, Cummins, Fleary, Holroyd, Lawford, Mesella, Newton, Rivett. Goals: Harris 5. Oldham Bears: Tries: Atcheson, Hill, Leuila. Goals: Maloney 2. Att: 5,000.

QUARTER-FINAL DRAW: Sept 12: St Helens v Salford Reds. Sept 14: Bradford Bulls v Castleford Tigers; London Broncos v Sheffield Eagles. Sept 15: Wigan Warriors v Leeds Rhinos.

AUSTRALASIAN SUPER LEAGUE: Elimination semi-final: Canberra Raiders 32 Penrith Panthers 12.

RUGBY UNION

Heineken Cup
Pool B

Ulster 12 Glasgow 18

Ulster: Pens: Laing 3. Dropped goal: Laing. Glasgow: Tries: Craig, Wallace. Con: Hayes. Pens: Hayes 2.
(at Ravenhill)

TABLE TENNIS

BRITISH LEAGUE: Premier division: Mura Estates Progress 4 Darlington 10; Vymura (Hyde) 4 Drumchapel Glasgow 10; Colley Hyundai (Pontypool) 5 Horsham 9, St Neots (Cambs) 6 DML White Hart Launceston 8.

TENNIS

FLUSHING MEADOWS: United States Open: Men: Singles: Final: P Rafter (Aus) bt G Rusedski (GB) 6-3, 6-2, 4-6, 7-5.

BOURNEMOUTH: Men's tournament: First round: O Delaitre (Fr) bt M Rodriguez (Arg) 6-3, 3-6, 6-1, M Maclagan (GB) bt W Black (Zim) 6-3, 3-6, 6-0.

MARBELLA: Men's tournament: First round: K Alami (Mor) bt I Moldovan (Rom) 6-3, 6-2; G Blanco (Sp) bt D Lozano (Sp) 6-2, 4-6, 7-6, E Alvarez (Sp) bt J A Marin (Sp) 6-3, 6-4; D Hrbaty (Slovakia) bt N Lapentti (Ec) 6-3, 6-2; J Alonso (Sp) bt J Chauvin (Fr) 6-3, 6-0; A Clement (Fr) bt S Gomez-Barrio (Sp) 6-4, 6-2

TASHKENT: Men's tournament: First round: A Stolyrov (Russ) bt N Kiefer (Ger) 6-4, 6-7, 6-1; V Santopadre (It) bt A Mennov (Russ) 6-4, 6-3; E Erlich (Isr) bt A Machkamov (Uzb) 7-5, 7-5, V Spadea (US) bt S Campbell (US) 2-6, 6-2, 6-3

POOLS FORECAST

Saturday September 13

Coupon No, fixture, forecast

	FA PREMIERSHIP	
1	Arsenal v Bolton	1
2	Barnsley v Aston Villa	2
3	Coventry v Southmptn	X
4	C Palace v Chelsea	X
5	Derby v Everton	2
6	Leicester v Tottenham	X
7	Liverpool v Sheff Wed	1
8	Man Utd v West Ham	1
9	Newcastle v Wimbldn	1
	NATIONWIDE LEAGUE FIRST DIVISION	
10	Bradford v Middlesbro	2
11	Huddersfield v Ipswich	2
12	Norwich v Port Vale	X
13	Portsmouth v Crewe	1
14	QPR v West Brom	1
15	Reading v Oxford Utd	2
16	Sheff Utd v Nottm For	X
17	Stoke v Stockport	1
18	Swindon v Tranmere	1
19	Wolves v Charlton	2
	SECOND DIVISION	
20	Bournemouth v Luton	1
21	Bristol R v Gillingham	1
22	Fulham v Grimsby	1
23	Millwall v Southend	2
24	Oldham v Northmptn	X
25	Plymouth v Brentford	2
26	Preston v Walsall	1
27	Watford v Chesterfield	X
28	Wigan v Blackpool	2
29	Wrexham v Bristol City	X
30	Wycombe v Carlisle	1
31	York v Burnley	2
	THIRD DIVISION	
32	Camb Utd v Barnet	1
33	Cardiff v Rochdale	1
34	Chester v Shrewsbury	1
35	Hartlepool v Torquay	1
36	Hull v Lincoln	X
37	Leyton Orient v Exeter	1
38	Macclsfld v Swansea	X
39	Notts Co v Mansfield	1
	SCOTTISH LEAGUE PREMIER DIVISION	
40	Dundee Utd v Kilmrnck	1
41	Hibs v Dunfermline	1
42	Motherwell v Celtic	2
43	Rangers v Aberdeen	1
44	St Johnstone v Hearts	2
	FIRST DIVISION	
45	Ayr v Dundee	2
46	Falkirk v Hamilton	X
47	G Morton v Airdrie	1
48	Partick v Stirling	1
49	Raith v St Mirren	2

TREBLE CHANCE (home teams): Coventry, Crystal Palace, Leicester, Norwich, Sheffield United, Oldham, Watford, Wrexham, Hull, Macclesfield, Falkirk

BEST DRAWS: Leicester, Norwich, Watford, Wrexham, Hull

AWAYS: Aston Villa, Everton, Ipswich, Oxford, Blackpool

HOMES: Arsenal, Liverpool, Newcastle, Queens Park Rangers, Swindon, Fulham, Cambridge, Cardiff, Hartlepool

FIXED ODDS: Homes: Arsenal, Liverpool Queens Park Rangers, Cambridge, Hartlepool. Aways: Aston Villa, Celtic, Dundee. Draws: Leicester, Norwich, Wrexham.

☐ Vince Wright

ICE HOCKEY

Bracknell rescued by Brant

By Norman de Mesquita

THERE was one surprise in the Benson and Hedges Cup on Sunday when Bracknell Bees, of the Superleague, were held to a draw by Slough Jets, of the National League. It might have been an even bigger upset but for a goal in the 53rd minute by Chris Brant for the Bees, which tied the score at 3-3.

Rob Stewart and Joe Ferracciolli scored for the Bees in the first period, but Derek Higdon (2) and Mike Wagstaff scored three goals in four minutes to give the Jets a 3-2 lead by the second interval.

Otherwise, all games went strictly according to status and form, with the biggest win an 11-0 demolition of Telford Tigers by Manchester Storm. Poor Gavin Armstrong, in the Telford goal, was bombarded by 64 shots.

In the games in which Superleague teams met, Cardiff Devils and Sheffield Steelers beat Basingstoke Bison and Newcastle Cobras respectively. The Cardiff team is much the same as that which won the inaugural Superleague last season and they look likely to be a force once again.

The only encouraging aspect for Peterborough Pirates in their 7-1 home defeat by Nottingham Panthers was the attendance of 1,310 — some way above the average last season. Ayr Scottish Eagles emulated Nottingham's 7-1 scoreline in a defeat of their local rivals, Paisley Pirates.

AMERICAN FOOTBALL: DRUCKENMILLER STEPS IN TO LEAD SAN FRANCISCO TO VICTORY

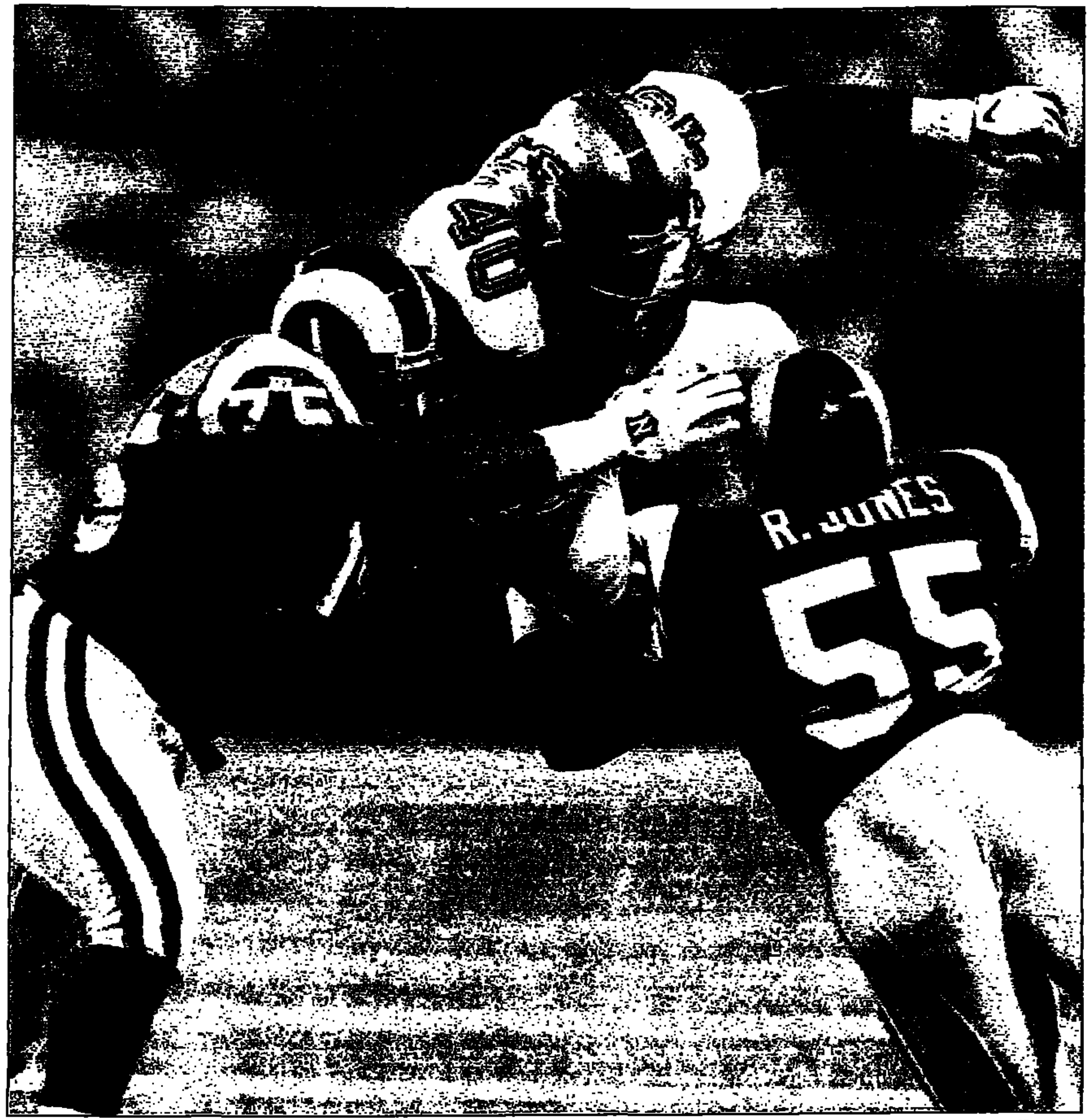
49ers unearth golden prospect

By Oliver Holt

IT WAS not a flawless start and the name has not got quite the same ring to it as Joe Montana or Steve Young, but on Sunday, San Francisco 49ers supporters were given their first glimpse of the player who is being tipped by many to become the franchise's leading star.

Jim Druckenmiller, the young quarterback who the 49ers gave the honour of being their No 1 pick from the college draft in the summer, completed only ten of his 28 passes on his National Football League (NFL) debut against St Louis Rams and threw three interceptions in a sloppy, scrappy game. But Druckenmiller, who was playing only because Young is suffering from yet another concussion and his back-up, Jeff Brohm, has a broken finger on his throwing hand, shrugged those reverses off to throw the two touchdowns that took the 49ers to a 15-12 win in the Trans World Dome in St Louis and gave Steve Mariucci, the new San Francisco coach, his first win.

Results 45



Farr and Jones, of St Louis Rams, combine to block Floyd, the 49ers running back. Photograph: Stephen Dunn/Allsport

The victory and Druckenmiller's courage in adversity came as a timely boost for the 49ers, a rare sign of the promise of youth in a team that has increasingly seemed to be dominated by injuries to its veteran star players. Young tottered from concussion to concussion last season and last week San Francisco lost their wide receiver, Jerry Rice, for the rest of the season with a knee injury.

Young's problems, and the team's failure to reach the Super Bowl last season after their play-off defeat to Green Bay Packers, led to speculation that the 49ers might replace him with Elvis Grbac this season. Grbac, however, was traded to Kansas City Chiefs and Druckenmiller brought in to be groomed as the long-term replacement instead. Druckenmiller's showing on Sunday, though, hinted that he may bring pressure to bear on Young sooner rather than later.

In terms of quarterback performances on the NFL's second Sunday, however, Druckenmiller was outshone by Drew Bledsoe, of New England Patriots, who threw four touchdown passes for the second week in succession as his team overran Indianapolis Colts 31-6.

The Patriots, who lost to the Packers in the Super Bowl in January, have now scored 72 points in their opening two games — more than any other team — and are playing with such poise and confidence that they are setting the standard for the rest. To the delight of Bledsoe, in particular, the defection of their former coach, Bill Parcells, to New York Jets, appears to have affected them not a jot.

Parcells's honeymoon in New York, which began with a crushing victory over Seattle Seahawks last week, ended at the Meadowlands in New Jersey, where the Jets lost 28-22 to Buffalo Bills, one of the few teams that the Jets might actually have been expected to beat this season.

There was also an unpleasant surprise for the Packers, who lost 10-9 to Philadelphia Eagles in Veterans Stadium and also failed to score a touchdown in a game for the first time since October 18, 1992, a span covering 85 regular-season and play-off games.

With some of the strongest teams from last season, the Patriots and Denver Broncos among them, already showing formidable form, Mike Holmgren, the Packers coach, said that the defeat might shake Green Bay out of any complacency lingering from their Super Bowl triumph. "This is an early wake-up call for us," he said.

RUGBY UNION: CLUB DEMANDS CLARIFICATION AS NEXT ROUND OF EUROPEAN MATCHES APPROACHES

Bath resort to law on issue of padding

By David Hands
Rugby Correspondent

BATH will seek urgent clarification of the law regarding protective padding for players after their experience in the first round of Heineken Cup matches, at Pontypridd on Sunday. Around 30 minutes before the kick-off of a match that Bath ultimately won, their coaching staff were embroiled in legal interpretations that at one stage caused them to wonder whether they should play the game at all.

This is an issue with which rugby union has grappled for many years and which the International Rugby Football Board (IRFB) is still debating. Protective pads or vests have become the norm in the southern hemisphere — both South Africa and the British Isles wore them during the summer series — but Law 4 still forbids shoulder pads or padded undergarments.

Bath, conforming to the law, arrived at Sardis Road to find that Pontypridd were preparing to play in vests that Bath believed to be illegal. They contacted other English clubs playing in the competition for immediate clarification before going ahead with the game, but have now asked Nick Bunting, the Rugby Football Union referee development officer, to handle the matter. It needs to be dealt with swiftly since there is a European Conference game in Galway today and a further round of European fixtures begins on Friday.

"The frustration for us is that when English coaches and referees met in August, we said this would happen, and it did," Andy Robinson, the Bath coaching director, said yesterday. "It's enough to make you tear your hair out when you are proved right but we were told the law would be strictly applied.

"None of our players knew this but it is quite an issue. There is an unfair advantage to be gained from it. Clive Woodward and I talked seriously about whether to play the game because, if a serious injury had occurred, there are all sorts of ramifications. Nor does a referee want to come to a match and find himself trying to manage this kind of situation."

Robinson: frustrated

David McHugh, the Irish international referee who officiated, said: "There was a difference of opinion about what conformed to Law 4 and what didn't." Such differences, in theory, should not exist, though experiments are being conducted with manufacturers to see if garments that will not take rugby any closer to American football yet still offer some degree of protection to vulnerable joints can be agreed.

"We have said very clearly that Law 4 should be applied as it is," Vernon Pugh, the IRFB chairman, said. "There are discussions about modification but until that happens, the law must be applied. I think Bath are absolutely right to be upset."

Pugh confirmed that the post of chief executive of the IRFB will shortly be advertised after the resignation last month of Tom Wacker after 15 months in office. Wacker was on a five-year contract, but opted to take a release clause after overseeing the transfer of the board from Bristol to Ireland.

"It is a hiatus we could have done without," Pugh said. "Cosmetically there may appear to be a void but, knowing what is going on behind the scenes, I don't think there is."

WORD-WATCHING

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AZOTEA
(b) The flat roof of a house, used as a place of resort in hot climates. The Spanish word. J. R. Poinsett, *Notes on Mexico*, 1824: "We next ascended to the azotea (terrace roof), from whence we had a view of the harbour."

CURIARA
(a) The native name in Venezuela and Colombia for a dug-out canoe. "A network of narrow channels allowed us to explore the far interior in our shallow curiara or dug-out."

FURIANT
(c) A type of Bohemian dance, or its music, in quick triple time with frequently-shifting accents. From the Czech name. "The fiddlers who scraped out their furiants and other wild dances."

FUNKIA
(c) A member of the genus of liliaceous plants from Japan once so named, but now called *Hosta*, having racemes of drooping white or lilac bell-shaped flowers; a plantain-lily. The eponym of H. C. Funck (1771-1839), a Prussian botanist. "The bold and striking foliage of some of the strongest plain-leaved section of Funkias renders them very effective as edging plants for large beds."

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CHANGING TIMES

Pluck of the Irish not enough to prevent Glasgow's victory

Ulster	12
Glasgow	18

By Karl Johnston

AT RAVENHILL last night, Ulster became the third Irish team to fail to sup from the Heineken Cup that cheers, after the defeats of Leinster and Munster over the weekend. Glasgow were obliged to make a few late changes, circumstances that added to the general air of pre-match optimism, but despite two early penalty goals from Stuart Laing, the fly half, that gave Ulster a comfortable six-point cushion within the opening 11 minutes, the home team singularly failed to take the initiative.

True, in the first half, Ulster enjoyed long periods of territorial advantage, but, apart from a fine short-side break by Stephen Bell that all but led to a try for Sheldon Coulter on the right wing, they seldom looked like scoring.

In fact, it was at that point that Glasgow took their confidence to a higher level. A scrum followed Coulter's near-miss, Glasgow broke from defence, Tony Hayes released James Craig and the left wing sped some 60 metres to score, with Hayes landing the easy conversion, having earlier kicked a penalty goal.

Still, it was felt that Ulster would ultimately have the measure of this particular opposition. The pack certainly provided enough ball but, except on occasions, Laing opted not to spread the ball wide, and even when he did, Glasgow were never really bothered by Ulster's midfield probings.

Just before the interval, Ulster self-destructed. Laing attempted a cheeky 22-metre drop-out, but the ploy went horribly wrong. Glasgow gained possession and Murray Wallace, the flanker, raced over the line on the short side for an unconverted try to leave Ulster trailing 15-6 at half-time.

Laing dropped a fine goal from a scrum three minutes into the second half and the crowd waited for the revival, which failed to materialise. Admittedly, Ulster were not always helped by Nigel Whitehouse, the referee, who could have used the advantage law more often. That said, though, there was no doubting the merit of Glasgow's victory. Hayes added a second penalty goal 13 minutes from time, and Laing converted his third minutes before the final whistle.

Matt Tetlow, the Sale centre, was detained overnight in a French hospital after being concussed in his side's 25-16 defeat by Montferrand in the European Conference on Sunday.

SCORERS: Ulster: Penalty goals: Laing 3 (3min, 11, 40). Dropped goal: Laing (43). Glasgow: Tries: Craig (33), M Wallace (37). Conversion: Hayes. Penalty goals: Hayes 2 (12, 67).

SCORING SEQUENCE (Ulster first): 3-0, 6-0, 6-3, 6-10, 6-15 (half-time), 9-15, 9-18, 12-18.

ULSTER: R Morrow (Dungannon); J Cunningham (Ballymena), M Field (Malone), J Topping (Ballymena), S Coulter (Ballymena); S Laing (Portadown), S Bell (Dungannon); R Mackay (Malone), S Ritchie (Ballymena), G Leslie (Dungannon), T McWhirter (Ballymena), G Longwell (Ballymena), S McKinty (Bangor, captain), A Ward (Ballinahinch), K Gallick (City of Derry, rep: R Wilson, Instonians, 62min)

GLASGOW: C Sangster; D Stark, C Simmers, M McGrandles, J Craig; T Hayes, F Scott; C McIlwham, G Bulloch (captain), M Beckham (rep: A Kittle, 62), C Afuakwah, G Perrett, M Wallace (temporary rep: F Wallace, 12), I Sinclair, D McLeish.

Referee: N Whitehouse (Wales)

TELEVISION CHOICE

Tales of unforgettable times

Michael Parkinson (BBC1, 7.00pm)

Holiday Memories
BBC1, 7.00pm

Carol Smillie is fast emerging as a rival to Carol Vorderman as television's most conspicuous presenter. The latest vehicle for the giggling host of *Changing Rooms* and *National Lottery Live* is this amiable series in which celebrities and ordinary people recall holidays difficult to forget, even if some are probably best forgotten. But distance can lend enchantment, and even humour, to the most calamitous breaks. Thus, nine years on, Mr and Mrs Farnell can entertain us with the story of their wedding in Montego Bay, Jamaica, which fell foul of sunstroke, insect bites and Hurricane Hugo. A family holiday in Corfu went little better for Johnny Ball and his daughter, Zoe, who was then 13. Michael Parkinson has fonder recollections of trips to Scarborough, where he watched cricket and proposed to his wife, Mary.

The Feel Good Factor
Channel 4, 8.00pm

Health is the topic this week as Mark Little travels to villages in Norfolk and Devon to discover whether country living really is good for us. Although the jocular gameshow format sometimes grates, the programme succeeds in making serious points. Except that the schoolchildren surveyed had many fewer fillings than the national average, rural life can have disadvantages. In both cases the nearest hospital is more than 20 miles away, though Devon's air ambulance service helps to compensate. On most of the featured tests, in fact, South Zeal in Devon has the edge over Ashill in Norfolk, whether it is access to alternative medicine or the availability of condoms. Villagers of Ashill who want to improve their diet with organic food have to go to a supermarket. It is a bus ride away and the bus runs once a week.

Looking Good
BBC2, 8.30pm

The pre-publicity suggested a fashion series that would buck the trend and appeal to all women, not just good-looking under-35s with perfect figures and money to spend. Although this is only programme two, the evidence has yet to emerge. On the contrary, the emphasis seems to be on getting out the credit card and following the edicts of the fashion pages. There is not much here for the woman of a certain age, who is bigger than a size 12 and needs to watch her budget. One item reveals that French women on average spend twice as much on clothes and beauty products as their British counterparts. Representing the Brits is Louise, who buys her undies at Marks & Spencer and wears them until they fall apart. Instead of applauding her practicality, the show ticks her off for using wire hangers and gives her an expensive French-style makeover.

Paul Merton in Galton and Simpson's . . .
ITV, 8.30pm

Ray Galton and Alan Simpson were Tony Hancock's writers and there is more than a touch of Hancock in this comedy playlet about a man who volunteers for a police identity parade and is picked out as the culprit. Like the other scripts in this series, *The Wrong Man* goes back several decades. Perhaps it should have been allowed to remain in period and not updated with jokes about Cherie Blair. It hardly needs them for Galton and Simpson not only wrote marvellous comic dialogue but also supplied an ingredient so many current sitcoms lack: a plot. All the same, *The Wrong Man* is no masterpiece, but Paul Merton squeezes the most out of it. The keen-eyed will spot Galton and Simpson as the two white-haired men in the ID parade. **Peter Waymark**

RADIO CHOICE

Jam and Jerusalem?
Radio 2, 9.30pm

The centenary of the Women's Institute could hardly pass unnoticed and even though Radio 2 has successfully taken on a younger image of late, the network is the right place for this particular programme, which has been written as a dramatic duologue. There are a dozen ways to convey the history of an organisation but the one chosen is among the more imaginative. June Whitfield and Jean Boht play two WI women who are working through the contents of the WI archive. The organisation will not be best pleased with the programme title, notwithstanding the question mark, for there is clearly more to the WI than preserves and hymns and it has done some effective political lobbying over the years.

Fi Sci — Fiction Science Not Science Fiction
Radio 4, 2.00pm

The last in this excellent series deserves a mention because whereas earlier programmes have tended to focus on established books of fiction which use, or are about, science, this one takes a more general view and in doing so asks some pertinent questions. The geneticist Steve Jones is the presenter and today he talks to novelists A.S. Byatt and Phillip Kerr about their use of science and the distinction between science in fiction and science fiction, a distinction that is not always as obvious as it might seem. But — radical thought — is there even a place for science in the modern novel? Dr Jonathan Miller appears on the programme to argue that there is not, though perhaps there is an element of tongue in cheek. **Peter Barnard**

RADIO 1

7.00am Kevin Greening **9.00** Simon Mayo **12.00** Mary Anne Hobbs **2.00pm** Nicky Campbell **4.00** Dave Pearce **6.15** Newsbeat **6.30** Evening Session with Steve Lamacq **8.30** Digital Update **8.40** John Peel **10.30** Charlie Jordan **1.00am** Clive Warren **4.00** Chris Moyles

RADIO 2

6.00am Sarah Kennedy **7.30** Wake Up To Wogan **9.30** Ken Bruce **11.30** Jimmy Young **1.30pm** Debbie Thrower **3.00** Ed Stewart **5.05** Johnnie Walker **7.00** Carl Davis Classics **8.00** Wayne Marshall's Organ Spectacular. The first of an eight-part series in which Wayne Marshall plays popular classics on the organ of the Bridgewater Hall **9.00** Make 'Em Laugh! **9.30** Jam and Jerusalem? See Choice **10.30** Richard Allinson **12.05am** Steve Madden **3.00** Alex Lester

RADIO 5 LIVE

5.00am Morning Reports **6.00** The Breakfast Programme **9.00** The Magazine **12.00** Midday with Mair **2.00** Ruscoe on Five **4.00** Julian Worricker Nationwide **7.00** News Extra **7.35** The Tuesday Match. Includes action from the Nationwide League and the fourth round of the Scottish Coca-Cola Cup **10.00** News Talk **11.00** News Extra with Annie Webster **12.00** After Hours **2.00am** Up All Night with Rhod Sharp

TALK RADIO

5.00am Paul Ross and Carol McGiffin **9.00** Scott Chisholm **12.00** Lorraine Kelly **2.00pm** Tommy Boyd **4.00** Peter Deeley **7.00** Anna Raeburn **9.00** James Whale **1.00am** Ian Collins

WORLD SERVICE

All times in BST. News on the hour. **6.00am** Newshour **6.30** Europe Today **7.15** World Today **7.30** Songs of the Sufi Mystics **8.15** Off the Shelf **8.30** What's News **8.45** The Lab **9.00** News in German **9.10** Pause for Thought **9.15** Earth, Air, Fire and Water **9.30** Everywoman **10.05** Business **10.15** The Orchestra **10.30** Plays in Focus **10.45** Sports Roundup **11.30** On Screen **12.30pm** Songs of the Sufi Mystics **1.00** News in German **1.05** Business **1.15** Britain Today **1.30** Health Matters **1.45** Sports Roundup **3.05** Outlook **3.30** Multitrack **4.05** Sports Roundup **4.15** Earth, Air, Fire and Water **4.30** The Greenfield Collection **5.00** Europe Today **5.30** Business **5.45** Britain Today **6.15** The World Today **6.30** News in German **6.45** Sports Roundup **7.30** One Planet **8.01** Outlook **8.25** Pause for Thought **8.30** Megamix **9.00** Newshour **10.05** Business **10.15** Britain Today **10.30** Meridian Live **10.45** Sport **11.30** The World Today **11.45** Sport **12.05am** Outlook **12.30** Megamix **1.30** The Farming World **1.45** Britain Today **2.30** Discovery **3.30** Meridian Live **4.05** Business **4.15** Sport **4.30** Europe Today

CLASSIC FM

3.00am Mark Griffiths **6.00** Alan Mann **9.00** Henry Kelly **1.00pm** Lunchtime Requests **2.00** Concerto **3.00** Jamie Crick **7.00** Newsnight **7.30** Sonata. Brahms (Violin Sonata in D minor, Op 108) **8.00** Concert. Beethoven (Piano Concerto No 1 in C major, Op 15); Rimsky-Korsakov (Scheherezade Op 35) **10.00** Michael Mappin **2.00am** Concerto (r)

VIRGIN RADIO

7.00am Russ 'n' Jono **10.00** Graham Dene **1.00pm** Jeremy Clark **4.00** Robin Banks **6.00** Paul Coyte (FM) / Nick Abbot (AM) **10.00** Mark Forrest **2.00am** Richard Porter

RADIO 3

6.00am On Air, with Penny Gore. Includes A. Scarlatti (Salve Regina); Ravel (Introduction and Allegro); *Handel (Flute Sonata in A minor, HWV374, Hallenser No 1)*; Tchaikovsky (Marche Slave); Glazunov (Alla Spagnuola Orientale, Novelettes, Op 15); Weber (Konzertstuck in F minor)

9.00 Morning Collection. Introduced by Catriona Young. Includes Bernstein (Overture: Candide); Bach (Trio Sonata in C, BWV530); Debussy (Images)

10.00 Musical Encounters, with Chris de Souza. Includes Scriabin (Prelude in G sharp minor, Op 16 No 2); Strauss (Der Abend); Prokofiev (Violin Sonata No 1, Op 80); Strauss (Schlachtgesang, Op 45 No 1); Jadin (String Quartet, Op 3 No 1); Berg (Piano Sonata, Op 1); Mendelssohn (Violin Concerto in E minor)

12.00 Proms Composer of the Week: Verdi

1.00pm News; Summer Ensemble. Coull Quartet. Haydn (String Quartet in G minor, Op 20 No 3); Borodin (String Quartet No 2 in D) (r)

2.00 BBC Proms 97. Alfredo Perl, piano, Royal Liverpool Philharmonic Choir, Philharmonia Chorus, BBC Singers and Philharmonic, under Yan Pascal Tortelier. Mozart (Piano Concerto No 25 in C, K503); Ravel (Ballet Music: Daphnis et Chloe) (r)

3.40 Schubert Song Cycles. The last of three concert *performances at the Wigmore Hall in London*, featuring Schubert's three great song cycles. Matthias Goerne, baritone, Eric Schneider, piano. (Sehnsucht, D636; Gruppe aus dem Tartarus, D583; An Emma; Der Pilgrim; Schwanengesang)

5.00 Music Machine. The second of five programmes from the Queen Katherine School in Kendal. With Tommy Pearson (r)

5.15 In Tune. Petroc Trelawny previews the Sounds Like Manchester competition. Includes Dvořák (Carnival Overture); Lennox Berkeley (Serenade for Strings); Ravel (La Valse)

7.30 BBC Proms 97. Emanuel Ax, piano, European Union Youth Orchestra, under Bernard Haitink. Beethoven (Piano Concerto No 4 in G) **8.05** To the Greater Glory of God. Stephen Johnson explores the composer's mind to discover what inspired his musical structures **8.25** Concert, part two. Bruckner (Symphony No 7 in E)

9.55 Lost in London. Andrew Green recreates the musical life of the Argyll Rooms which stood where Oxford Circus is now. It was the venue that saw the first performance in England of Beethoven's *Choral Symphony* (2/5)

10.15 Alfredo Casella. Serenata, Op 46 performed by Music Group of London

10.45 The Authority of Failure. Julian Evans retraces three ill-fated decisions made by the author F. Scott Fitzgerald. The first was his disastrous marriage to Zelda, followed by his difficult relationship with Hemingway and finally, his last days in Hollywood (r)

11.30 Proms Composer of the Week: Schubert (r)

12.30am Jazz Notes. Digby Fairweather introduces a session from Cuff Billett's New Europa Jazz Band

1.00 Through the Night, with David Cornet. Includes *1.00 Northern Encounters*. Toronto Symphony Orchestra, under Jukka-Pekka Saraste. With the Polytech Male Choir, Jacques Israelievitch, violin, Mari Anne Haggander, soprano, and Esa Ruuttunen, baritone. Includes Sibelius (Finlandia, choral version); Raymond Murray Schafer (The Darkly Splendid Earth; The Lonely Traveller); Sibelius (Kullervo)

RADIO 4

5.55am Shipping Forecast (LW) 6.00 News Briefing **6.10** Farming Today **6.25** Prayer for the Day **6.30** Today. Includes Sports News and Thought for the Day **8.45** Personal History, by Katharine Graham (7/10) **8.58** Weather

9.00 News 9.05 Referendum Call Scotland. Ed Stourton presents the first of two programmes examining Scottish devolution

10.00 News; Tales From the Back of Beyond. Dr Sarah O'Hara describes the decline of Turkmenistan's irrigation system

10.00 Daily Service (LW)

10.15 On This Day (LW)

10.30 Woman's Hour, with Jenni Murray

11.30 Medicine Now. A weekly look at the world of health care with Geoff Watts

12.00 News; You and Yours. Consumer news and current affairs with Lesley Riddoch

12.25pm Cross Questioned. The late Vincent Hanna gives the clues to Jane Bussman, David Quantick, Francis Wheen and Nick Yapp in the radio crossword puzzle **12.55** Weather

1.00 The World at One, with Alex Brodie

1.40 The Archers (r) **1.55** Shipping Forecast

2.00 News; Sci Fi — Fiction Science not Science Fiction. See Choice

2.30 Inventing Handel. The pianist David Owen-Norris discusses the composer's work with Gerald Kaufman and Trevor Pinnock

3.00 The Afternoon Shift, with Daire Brehan

4.00 News 4.05 Kaleidoscope. Tim Marlow considers new biographies of the artist William Hogarth and reviews Norman Mailer's new and controversial novel *The Gospel According to the Sun*

4.45 Short Story: Mountain Air, by Siân James. Read by Sharon Morgan

5.00 PM, with Clare English and Chris Lowe **5.50** Shipping Forecast **5.55** Weather

6.00 Six O'Clock News

6.30 Rent, by Lucy Flannery. With Barbara Flynn, Patrick Barlow and Linda Polan (4/6) (r)

7.00 News 7.05 The Archers

7.20 Relative Values. Michael O'Donnell meets Chris, whose household consists of her husband, her former husband and their two children, her daughter and her two grandchildren

8.00 Science Now. A weekly review of the latest scientific discoveries and developments with Peter Evans (r)

8.30 Lawsuits and Liniment. Jenny Cuffe talks to doctors about the constant fear of litigation. With *more and* more patients questioning the treatment they have been given, doctors are becoming worried about the possibility of legal proceedings against them

9.00 In Touch. Peter White with news, views and information for visually impaired people

9.30 Kaleidoscope (r) **9.59** Weather

10.00 The World Tonight, with Isabel Hilton

10.45 Book at Bedtime: To the Lighthouse, by Virginia Woolf. Read by Eileen Atkins (7/10) (r)

11.00 Mediumwave. The week's media events (r)

11.30 The New Europeans. In the third of a six-part series about British residents living in various European cities, David Neil Lodge talks to Dr Andrew Fink who left Manchester for the sunnier climate of Tel Aviv (r)

12.00 News incl **12.27am** approx Weather

12.30am The Late Book: The Debt to Pleasure, by John Lanchester, read by Tim Pigott-Smith (2/10)

12.48 Shipping Forecast (LW)

1.00 As World Service

FREQUENCY GUIDE. RADIO 1. FM 97.6-99.8. **RADIO 2.** FM 88.0-90.2. **RADIO 3.** FM 90.2-92.4. **RADIO 4.** FM 92.4-94.6; LW 198; MW 720. **RADIO 5 LIVE.** MW 693, 909. **WORLD SERVICE.** MW 648; LW 198 (12.45-5.55am). **CLASSIC FM.** FM 100-102. **VIRGIN RADIO.** FM 105.8; MW 1197, 1215. **TALK RADIO.** MW 1053, 1089. **Television and radio listings compiled by Peter Dear, Ian Hughes, Rosemary Smith, Susan Thomson, Jane Gregory and John McNamara.**

Playwright brings back capital punishment

REVIEW

Joe Joseph

It's still early days in Tony Marchant's **Holding On** (BBC2), but one thing you can feel pretty sure about in this new eight-part drama about the grislier aspects of surviving in 1990s London is that the English Tourist Board won't be nagging Marchant for copies to use in its promotional "Visit Britain" campaigns.

Holding On is the televisual equivalent of a Leonard Cohen record — seductive, but depressing at the same time: television to commit suicide by. It will make all those country mice who trill about their uninterrupted green views trill that little bit more, though what they don't realise is that we Londoners actually regard uninterrupted green views as inhospitable deserts between one hubbub of activity and another — deserts which are made doubly inconvenient by the lack of passing taxis.

If you found *Short Cuts*, Robert Altman's mesmerising collage of Los Angeles life, depressing, then you might do better to skip this series altogether. Along with *Short Cuts*, Marchant draws inspiration from two other portraits of cities in a state: Tom Wolfe's *Bonfire of the Vanities* and Dickens's *Our Mutual Friend* — only Marchant swaps Dickens's Thames for the London Underground, whose strap-hangers (hence *Holding On*) have been turned into zombies by years of abuse, injustice, complacency and indifference. And outside the Tube, life is often even worse.

As with *Short Cuts*, Marchant has assembled a cast of characters who collide and scatter like snooker balls, only to collide again later. Tycoons, tax inspectors, temps and taxi drivers find their lives are woven together like a plait.

In this opening episode Marchant pulls off the trick of giving us a tour of his broad tapestry without losing us in the maze of mini-plots that he has just set up. The dialogue doesn't jar. There are none of the diamond geezers which serve as television shorthand for seedy London. Everyone seems ordinary, plausible, which is what gives the resulting chaos its punch: something similar could be waiting for any one of us around the next corner.

All the cast shine, although Phil Daniels — who must be glad to have found a new glow to bask in after loitering so long in the one from *Quadrophenia* — has been lucky to draw one of the more flamboyant roles. He plays Gary Rickey, a boozy, bed-hopping, Jack-the-Lad restaurant critic with a professionally unhelpful digestive problem. It's a role that underlines the power of Marchant's imagination since few real-life restaurant critics match such a description.

However, Marchant claims to have inserted colourful caricatures from the London media scene into the text, so people will be trying to spot the real people behind the fiction: all you could say for certain is that Gary Rickey is not based on Andrew Lloyd-Webber's dining column in *The Daily Telegraph*.

The tone of *Holding On* was conveyed most tellingly in the final sequence of last night's programme. A minicab driver, waiting for his client outside a restaurant in a busy road, witnesses the murder in a telephone box of Sally Friel (Fleur Mould) — a young temp who is being sexually harassed by her boss and has just plucked up the courage to report him. She is stabbed repeatedly in the belly by Alan, a disturbed schizophrenic (Sean Gallagher) who has been released under the Care in the Community scheme (does that ring any bells in real life?) for want of either an empty hospital bed or a concernedenough doctor. What does the cabbie do? Chase after the murderer? Call the police? No. He slowly winds up his window. Then? He locks all the doors. It's not what you call an optimistic note. But, increasingly, an authentic one.

Listen to this snippet, for example: "It's the worst kind of murder," said Sarah. "I's the worst because if Nina and Jack had been murdered by a stranger, I could forever wonder how come we were at that place at that time. But to know that their dad quite deliberately did it is very, very difficult."

What's really depressing about Sarah Heatley's misery is that she isn't even a character in *Holding On* but in Channel 4's Citizen's Arrest. Sarah's estranged husband, Dr Sukdev Sandhu, known as "Dave", murdered their children Nina, 4, and Jack, 3. He then jumped from a tower block to his own death. OK, it was in Sheffield, not Tony Marchant's London, but there are similar cases of murder followed by suicide involving children every six weeks somewhere in Britain.

Dave murdered the children while they were visiting him. Sarah didn't want to stop her children visiting their father, but because of his history of psychiatric problems and of wife-beating, she wanted the visits supervised. The courts didn't see it that way.

If others won't watch over them, it's little wonder that more and more people decide to watch over themselves; and cabbies wind up their windows when they see a woman murdered in a phone box.

You can't even stay at home, bolt the front door and watch *Mastermind* any more. But as a postscript to the show's 25-year reign, BBC1 brought us **Mastermind — It's Started Now It's Finished**, a documentary to mark its passing. It can be safer to let these things pass unexamined: scratching too deeply can make you wonder what you ever saw in it. Here, for example, is the secretary of the Mastermind Club, which contestants can join: "In 1990 I thought it would be interesting to find the profile of an average *Mastermind* contestant and I came up with someone who is not very interesting. I have to be honest." Well, now that you mention it . . .

BBC1

6.00am Business Breakfast (72286)
7.00 BBC Breakfast News (T) (98247083)
9.05 Referendum Call: Scotland Edward Stourton chairs a live phone-in. Simultaneous broadcast with Radio 4 (8167118)
9.55 Kilroy (T) (5972441)
10.35 **Change That** (1062267)
11.00 News (T) regional news and weather (4334335)
11.05 The Really Useful Show (T) (9374354)
11.35 Room for Improvement (2945354)
12.00 News (T) regional news and weather (6804557)
12.05am Call My Bluff (9182248)
12.35 Going for a Song (9095809)
1.00 One O'Clock News (T) and weather (70731)
1.30 Regional News and weather (T) (17982335)
1.40 The Weather Show (87847248)
1.45 Neighbours (T) (77625828)
2.10 Quincy (r) (5944737)
3.00 Through the Keyhole (7346996)
3.25 Playdays (r) (7358731) **3.50** Peter Pan and the Pirates (r) (T) (8671847) **4.10** Rugrats (r) (T) (4165373) **4.35** Agent Z and the Penguin from Mars (r) (T) (6159712) **5.00** Newsround (T) (9561248) *5.10 Byker Grove (r) (T) (5450644)*
5.35 Neighbours (r) (T) (641170)
6.00 Six O'Clock News and weather (793)
6.30 Regional News Magazine (373)
7.00 CHOICE **Holiday Memories** New series. Zoe Ball and her father Johnny revisit Corfu and Michael Parkinson returns to Scarborough, where he proposed to his wife Mary; a couple renew their wedding vows in Jamaica (T) (5847)
7.30 EastEnders All is not well in the Mitchell family ; (T) (557)
8.00 Vets in Practice *Fiona and Trude face the task of informing devoted owners their pets have cancer* (1267)
8.30 Tiger Bay Beth breaks shocking news to Sonny. Last in series (3002)
9.00 Nine O'Clock News (T) and weather (2354)
9.30 Rory McGrath's Commercial Breakdown Weird TV adverts from around the world, revealing what Norwegians *really think of the British*; a wedding and a funeral (T) (43002) **Wales: 9.30** *Referendum* '97: The Devolution Debates (523460) **10.20** Rory McGrath's Commercial Breakdown (725793) **10.50** Inside Story Special (3057712) **11.55** FILM: Legal Eagles (438199) **1.45** FILM: Fitzwilly (111584) **3.25** News Headlines and Weather (86766565)
10.00 Inside Story Special (T) (4159809)
11.05 FILM **Quigley Down Under** (1990) starring Tom Selleck and Alan Rickman. An Australian western directed by Simon Wincer (924151)
1.00am FILM **Fitzwilly** (1967) Comedy with Dick van Dyke, Barbara Felton and Edith Evans. Directed by Delbert Mann (144132)
2.40 Weather (7393836)

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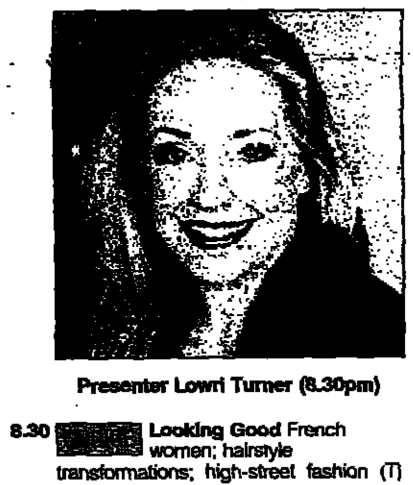
BBC2

6.00am Open University: Hardwick Hall (4962083) **6.25** Ouverture: Dimanche en Anjou (4981118) **6.50** Rural Life: Image and Reality (5789118) **7.15** See Hear Breakfast News (T) (4829538) **7.30** *Smurfs' Adventures (6910915)* **7.55** *Blue* Peter (r) (5915793) **8.20** Oakie Doke (7640248) **8.30** Rupert (7717538) **8.35** Teletubbies (1597083) **9.00** Harry and the Hendersons (2184151) **9.25** Power Moves: Gymnast (2910606) **9.30** See Hear! (27064) **10.00** Teletubbies (22606)
10.00 Working Lunch (10286)
11.00 **TUC Conference** *Live coverage of the* conference, including the speech by the Archbishop of Canterbury (85335)
1.00pm Working Lunch Update (83286489)
1.10 The Craft Hour (4830624)
2.10 News (T) and weather (32374606)
2.15 TUC Conference Tony Blair's keynote speech (931644)
3.55 News (T) (6420712) **4.00** Ready, Steady, Cook (286) **4.30** Going, Going, Gone (6158083) **4.55** Esther: Coma (3699034) **5.30** Today's the Day (422)
6.00 The Fresh Prince of Bel-Air Uncle Phil plans a lavish dinner party for his boss (T) (345847) **WALES: 6.00** Heartbreak High (486977) **6.45** Soccer: FAW Invitation Cup (42621511) **9.00** Looking Good (4016)
6.25 Heartbreak High Students are spooked by a mysterious figure roaming the corridors (T) (645793)
7.10 The O Zone Elton John, Kylie Minogue and Louise talk about their new releases and future plans (350199)
7.30 Desperately Seeking Donna *Documentary about singer Donna Lewis* (199)
8.00 Return to the Home Front Anne McKevitt sings the praises of cost-effective wooden houses *(2/3) (9809)*

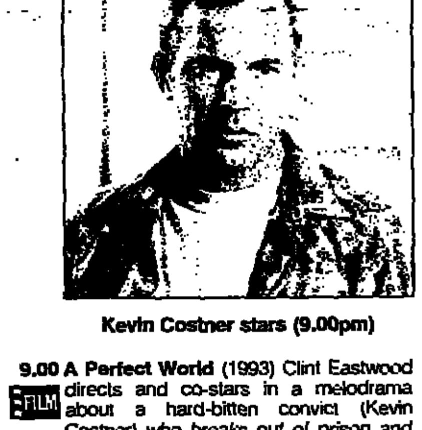


Presenter Lowri Turner (8.30pm)

8.30 CHOICE **Looking Good** French women; hairstyle transformations; high-street fashion (T) (1644)
9.00 Have I Got Old News for You (r) (4016)
9.30 Holding On (T) (48625)
10.28 Nation to Nation (799538)
10.30 **Newsnight** *(T) (996712)*
11.15 Grafters: Counter Culture *Work dilemmas (327557)*
11.45 A Little Later with Jools Holland (r) (229977) **12.00** *Weather* (3205949)
12.05am Duckman (3842229) **12.30** *Learning Zone: Open University. Given* Enough Rope (93045) **1.00** Vibrations (90519) **1.30** Making the News (33768) **2.00** Summer Nights (87749) **4.00** BBC Focus: NCET TV: Music and IT (53107) **4.30** English Heritage. Teaching Primary History (33364) **5.00** Royal Institution Discourse (81565)

HTV

6.00am GMTV (7735199)
9.25 Supermarket Sweep (2181064)
9.55 Regional News (T) (1648625)
10.00 The Time, the Place (42460)
10.30 **This Morning** *(18456828)*
12.20pm Regional News (6893441)
12.30 ITN Lunchtime News (T) (9081606)
12.55 Shortland Street (T) (9099625)
1.25 Home and Away (58723286)
1.50 Remote Control Cooking (77631489)
2.20 Vanessa (75941170)
2.50 **The Natural Health Show** *(6300199)*
3.20 ITN News (T) (4320731)
3.25 Regional News (T) (4329002)
3.30 The Riddlers (1086248) **3.40** Wizadora (7812880) **3.50** Adventures of Paddington Bear (7818064) **4.00** Sylvester and Tweety Pie Mysteries (2152267) **4.15** Name That Toon! (4159712) **4.40** Knight School (7756199)
5.10 Relative Knowledge (2998880)
5.40 ITN Early Evening News (T) (891248)
6.00 Home and Away Shannon and Lachie put the fun back into their relationship (r) (T) (489)
6.25 HTV Weather (688199)
6.30 **The West Tonight** *(441)*
7.00 Emmerdale Kim takes pleasure in turning down Lord *Alex (T) (1165)*
7.30 People and Pets Jenny Hull discovers a terrapin education centre (625)
8.00 The Bill Daly and Blake are forced to release their prime suspect for a vicious sexual assault. Can they prove his guilt before he strikes again? (2/2) (T) (6335)
8.30 CHOICE **Paul Merton in Galton and Simpson's the Wrong Man** Paul ambles along to his local police station to report a minor domestic incident (8170)



Kevin Costner stars (9.00pm)

9.00 FILM **A Perfect World** (1993) Clint Eastwood directs and co-stars in a melodrama about a hard-bitten convict (Kevin Costner) who breaks out of prison and takes a seven-year-old boy hostage as he makes his escape cross-country. **Continues after the News** (6441)
10.00 News at Ten (T) (99793)
10.30 Regional News (T) (370880)
10.40 A Perfect World Concludes (86794354)
12.20am Planet Mirth (3761300)
12.50 Short Story Cinema (3177768)
1.20 **Late and Loud** *(5284132)*
2.15 The Chart Show (r) (2614836)
3.00 Football Extra (r) (9392126)
3.55 World of Sailing (r) (79145652)
4.20 Cool Vibes (58419279)
4.35 **The Time, the Place** (r) (31799652)
5.00 Heirloom (r) (71942)
5.30 News (48039)

CENTRAL

As HTV West except:
12.55pm-1.25 A Country Practice (9099625)
5.10-5.40 Shortland Street (2998880)
6.25-7.00 Central News (926170)
7.30-8.00 ***Heart of the Country*** *(625)*
12.20am Collins and Maconie's Movie Club *(3761300)*
12.50 Real Stories of the Highway Patrol (8139403)
1.15 War of the Worlds (5196923)
2.10 The Paul Ross Show (9122823)
3.30 Customs Classified (6474805)
4.05 Central Jobfinder '97 (7200346)
5.20 **Asian Eye** (1475294)

WESTCOUNTRY

As HTV West except:
12.20pm-12.30 Illuminations (6893441)
12.55 Home and Away (4721538)
1.20-1.50 Emmerdale (22539557)
5.10-5.40 Home and Away (2998880)
6.00-7.00 Westcountry Live (33625)
7.30-8.00 Westcountry Dynasties (625)

ANGLIA

As HTV West except:
12.19pm Anglia Air Watch (6889248)
12.55-1.25 A Country Practice (9099625)
5.10-5.40 ***Shortland Street*** *(2998880)*
6.23 Anglia Weather (689828)
6.25-7.00 Anglia News (926170)
7.30-8.00 Wildlife Rescue. Series in which Mark Evans follows the stories of rescue and rehabilitation of some of Britain's best-loved creatures. Tonight, Spike the hedgehog (625)
10.29 Anglia Air Watch (786064)

S4C

Starts: 6.00am Sesame Street *(65996)*
7.00 The Big Breakfast (60354)
9.00 Something So Right (97070)
9.30 Film: Footlight Serenade (1942). A backstage musical romance starring Victor Mature and Betty Grable. Directed by Gregory Ratoff (4503151)
10.55 Short and Suite (9360151)
11.00 Food File (5828)
11.30 Here's One I Made Earlier *(6557)*
12.00 Sesame Street (96606)
12.30pm Baby Baby (23248)
1.00 Slot Meithrin (83262809)
1.15 Pingu (83250064)
1.30 **Yati** *(77613083)*
1.55 Film: Bataan (1943, b/w). A Second *World War drama starring Robert Taylor*, directed by Tay Garnett (61221064)
4.00 **Bewitched** *(354)*
4.30 Feast (538)
5.00 5 Pump: Uned 5 (8793)
5.30 Countdown (118)
6.00 Newyddion (324489)
6.05 **Heno** *(310151)*
6.35 Hollol Bananas (695489)
7.00 Pobol y Cwm (404462)
7.25 Y Glas (935737)
8.00 Y Clwb Rygbi (4977)
8.30 Newyddion (457606)
9.20 Rasus (880731)
10.05 Brookside (201996)
10.40 Frasier (896977)
11.10 NYPD Blue (783335)
12.05am-1.05 Byzantium: The Lost Empire *(6018869)*

CHANNEL 4

6.00am Sesame Street (65996) **7.00** The Big Breakfast (60354) **9.00** Something So Right (97070)
9.30 FILM **Footlight Serenade** (1942, b/w) A musical comedy starring Victor Mature and Betty Grable. A boxer on Broadway becomes attracted to a married dancer *Directed by Gregory Ratoff (4503151)*
10.55 Short and Suite (9360151) **11.00** Food File (r) (T) (5828)
11.30 Here's One I Made Earlier Liver salad; *chicken primavera, fruit kebabs (T) (6557)* **12.00** Sesame Street (96606) **12.30pm** *Baby Baby (23248)* ***1.00*** *Light Lunch (r)* (44731) **2.00** The Needy and the Greedy (28443335)
2.20 FILM **Above Suspicion** (1943, b/w) A spy *drama starring Joan Crawford and Fred* MacMurray. A couple combine a honeymoon with a spying mission in Nazi Germany Directed by Richard Thorpe (T) (189354)
4.00 Bewitched (r) (T) (354) **4.30** Countdown (T) (6143151) **4.55** Ricki Lake (r) (T) (5394462) **5.30** Pet Rescue (r) (T) (118)
6.00 Space Cadets Sci-fi quiz chaired by Greg Proops. With guests including Robert Llewellyn from *Red Dwarf* and Claudia Christian from *Babylon 5* (T) (731)
6.30 Roseanne (r) (T) (593)
7.00 Channel 4 News (T) (420731)
7.50 Yes Yes See Monday (583625)

Rural life explored (8.00pm)

8.00 CHOICE **The Feel Good Factor** Mark Little visits Ashill, in Norfolk, and South Zeal, in Devon, to check the country way of life (3/6) (T) (4977)
8.30 Brookside Susannah is obsessed with wanting a baby (T) (6712)
9.00 FILM **Wilt** (1989) starring Griff Rhys Jones. An adaptation of Tom Sharpe's novel about a college lecturer who is disillusioned with life, his job and his wife. With Alison Steadman and Mel Smith. Directed by *Michael Tuchner (69427060)*
10.45 Trauma The ER rooms of Bellevue Hospital in New York (315712)
11.15 Vic Reeves' Big Night Out (r) (308793)
11.50 In Quest A look at the consequences of mixed-race marriages (2/4) (101977)
12.35 am Yes Yes (r) (5619671)
12.40 FILM **Poor Cow** (1967) starring Carol White, John Bindon and Terence Stamp. A domestic drama directed by Ken Loach (T) (770565)
2.30 Ricki Lake (r) (T) (2022381)
3.15 FILM **Dr Bull** (1933). Will Rogers and Vera-Ellen star in this sentimental comedy about a small-town doctor who falls for a lonely widow. Directed by John Ford (2985836)
4.40 Hogg's Heaven (31885403) **5.05** Modern American Poets (r) (T) *(4792497)* **5.35** Film and Video Showcase *(3763213)* ***5.55*** Sesame Street (7998045)

CHANNEL 5

CHANNEL 5 ON SATELLITE

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6.00am 5 News Early (7537996)
7.30 Wishbone (5791977)
8.00 Havakazoo (3856369)
8.30 WideWorld (5716480)
9.00 Espresso (7079441)
10.00 Exclusive (r) (6250996)
10.30 Hot Property (r) (1316624)
11.00 Leeza (1697002)
11.50 Give 5 (69926118)
12.00 The Bold and the Beautiful (T) *(7611016)*
12.30 pm Family Affairs (r) (T) (9106996)
1.00 5 News Update (T) (85270118)
1.05 Sunset Beach (T) (8872170)
2.00 5's Company (8843731)
3.30 FILM ***Streets of Laredo*** (1949, b/w) *With* William Holden, Macdonald Carey and *Mona Freeman. Two bandits team up* with the Texas Rangers as a way of finding their old bank-robbing buddy, but they like the Rangers so much they decide to join for real. Directed by Leslie Fenton (8933847)
5.20 Give 5 (11414557)
5.30 Move on Up (9322373)
6.00 ***100 Per Cent*** *(9329286)*
6.30 Family Affairs (9310538)
7.00 Exclusive (8392809)
7.30 Pole Stars (9330422)
7.55 Give 5 Appeal for India's street children (6845170)
8.00 Plastic Fantastic Looks at men who are having plastic surgery — and why (8301557)
8.30 **5 News** (8380064)

Rutger Hauer stars (9.00pm)

9.00 FILM **Fatherland** (1994) with Rutger Hauer, Miranda Richardson and Jean Marsh. Hitler has won the war and is ruling Europe and the world is anxiously awaiting the outcome of a summit between the dictator and America. A mysterious political murder may have implications for the Third Reich. Directed by Christopher Menaul (T) (9079016)
11.00 The Jack Docherty Show (1799354)
11.45 Prisoner: Cell Block H (4190460)
12.45am Live and Dangerous (13691313)
3.45 ***Live and Dangerous: Futbol Americas*** (6583958)
4.35 **The Streets of San Francisco** (6752942)
5.30 ***100 Per Cent*** *(7961478)*

SATELLITE AND CABLE

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SKY 1

6.00am Morning Glory (726002) **9.00** Regis and *Kathie Lee (42557)* ***10.00*** *Another* World (94335) **11.00** Days of Our Lives (14199) **12.00** Oprah Winfrey (97847) **1.00pm** Geraldo (73267) **2.00** Sally Jessy Raphael (70267) **3.00** Jenny Jones (73793) **4.00** Oprah Winfrey (92828) **5.00** Star Trek: Next Generation (9064) **6.00** Real TV (5354) **6.30** Married — with Children (6606) **7.00** *Simpsons (3903)* ***7.30*** *Simpsons (5118)* **8.00** Miss UK '97 (96880) **9.30** Sports Illustrated Swimsuits (88267) **10.30** LAPD (68847) **11.00** Star Trek: Next Generation (95064) **12.00** Late Show with Letterman (15300) **1.00am** Hit Mix (2269132)

SKY NEWS

Worldwide news coverage, with bulletins on the hour, 24 hours a day, seven days a week.

SKY MOVIES

8.00am Homeward Bound (1980) (66373) **8.00 The Chairman (1969)** (94847) **10.00 Letter to My Killer (1995)** (81126170) **11.45 Martha and Ethel (1995)** (273129) **1.15pm The Stone Boy (1984)** (43908915) **3.00 Homeward** ***Bound (1980)*** *(94170)* **5.00 The Return of Tommy Tricker (1994)** (57731) **7.00 Letter to My Killer (1995)** (91248) **9.00 Amanda and the Alien (1995)** *(15082915)* **10.45 China Moon (1994)** (67239083) **12.25am Cobb (1994)** (19202861) **2.30 The Raggedy Rawney (1987)** *(883590)* **4.15 Jailbreakers (1994)** (744478)

THE MOVIE CHANNEL

5.45am Buck Privates (1941) (2782016) **8.10 Payment on Demand (1951)** (27751373) **10.00 Smiley (1957)** (70170) **12.00 Lucky Me (1954)** (75712) **2.00pm It Should Happen to You (1954)** (17625) **4.00 Three Ninjas Kick Back (1994)** (2538) **6.00 Lily in Winter (1994)** *(27248)* **7.30 Special Feature** (8828) **8.00 Devil in a Blue Dress (1995)** (15426) **10.00 Marked Man (1995)** (493731) **11.35 Burnt by the Sun (1994)** (68685335) **1.50am Sins of Silence (1996)** (179364) **3.25 Red Shoe Diaries: Four on the Floor (1995)** (5674403) **4.55 Travels of Marco Polo (1993)** (3384792)

SKY MOVIES GOLD

4.00pm Sabrina (1954) (9951489) **6.00 The Delicate Delinquent (1956)** (3283793) ***8.00 Someone to Watch Over Me (1987)*** (3295538) **10.00 Fatal Beauty (1987)** (9980712) **11.45 Dirty Mary, Crazy Larry (1974)** (1300441) **1.20am Good Morning and Goodbye (1967)** (49930403) **2.45 Demetrius and the Gladiators (1954)** (5413045) **4.25** Close

TNT

9.00pm Singin' in the Rain (1952) (37270809) **11.00 The Thin Man (1934)** (66711511) **12.45am Last of Mrs Cheyney (1937)** (15331519) **2.30 Travels with My Aunt** *(1972) (33257590)* ***5.00*** *Close*

SKY SPORTS 1

7.00am Sports Centre (64118) **7.30** World Windsurfing (43625) **8.00** V-Max (53809) **8.30** Sports Centre (44880) ***9.00*** *Racing* News (68460) **9.30** Aerobics Oz Style (71422) **10.00** Spanish Football (91286) **12.00** Aerobics Oz Style (56996) **12.30pm** Live Cricket (1720712) **6.00** Sports Centre (4688) **6.30** Tartan Extra (4880) **7.00** Seniors Golf (67644) **8.00** Sunday League Cricket (47880) **10.00** Sports Centre (56625) ***10.30*** *The Footballers' Football* Show (36267) **11.30** Tartan Extra (13996) **12.00** Sports Centre (14010) **12.30am** Sunday League *Cricket* (71652) ***2.30*** *Sports* Centre (95720) **3.00** Close

SKY SPORTS 2

7.00am Aerobics Oz Style (6261373) **7.30** Sports Centre (6240880) ***8.00*** *Racing News* (5240354) **8.30** Tennis: US Open (7876644) **11.30** V-Max (7764422) **12.00** Football League Review (8304828) **2.00pm** Women's Golf (8385793) **3.00** Basketball (1272809) **5.30** Yachting (6588278) **6.00** Sports Unlimited (3391408) **7.00** Sports Centre (9525354) **7.30** Live Football (8713151) ***10.00*** *Senior's Golf (1835977)* **11.00** Sports Unlimited (6247793) **12.00** Sailing (8734010) **12.30** Football (4395687) **2.00** Close

SKY SPORTS 3

12.00 Wrestling (29124644) **1.00pm** Fish TV (29100064) **2.00** Sky Sports Gold (80968538) **3.30** NFL (61019002) **5.30** Sports Action (31505422) **6.00** Women's Golf (29120828) **7.00** Fish TV (37286460) **8.00** Rugby Union (37273996) **10.00** Sky Sports Gold (88653847) **11.30** Close

EUROSPORT

7.30am Athletics (39712) **8.30** Extreme Games (33170) **9.30** Speedworld (94267) **11.00** Football (47441) **12.00** Touring Car (89441) **1.00pm** Triathlon (98719) **2.00** Live Cycling (52118) **3.30** Volleyball (31462) ***4.30*** *Rally (41199)* ***5.30*** *Freeride (8083)* **6.00** Offroad (85625) **7.00** Darts (52712) **8.00** Live Boxing (49248) **10.00** Football (51083) **11.00** Equestrianism (35606) **12.00** Cycling (16478) **12.30am** Close

UK GOLD

7.00am Rentaghost (4459731) **7.35** Neighbours (9201489) **8.00** Crossroads (9772002) **8.25** EastEnders (3290731) **9.00** The Bill (6332118) **9.30** Howards' Way (4682267) **10.00** In Loving Memory (1062441) **10.30** The Sullivans (6321002) ***11.00*** *The Rockford Files (53573712)* **12.05pm** Crossroads (72601199) **12.30** Neighbours (4686083) **1.00** EastEnders (1417165) **1.35** High and Dry (27762354) **2.05** A Little Bit of Dawson (77118625) **2.20** Oh No! It's Selwyn Froggitt (45373915) **2.50** Are You Being Served? (2393731) **3.30** The Bill (4382151) **4.00** Casualty (11019625) ***5.05*** EastEnders (4886808) **5.40** Bob's Full House (9851606) **6.20** The Two Ronnies (4573557) **7.20** Dr Who (9788002) **7.50** *Home to Roost (6931129)* ***8.20*** *2point4* Children (8593083) **9.00** The Bill (2588118) **9.30** Casualty (55199083) **10.35** Morecambe and Wise (7063354) ***11.35*** Then Churchill Said to Me (3574064) **12.05am FILM: The Naked Truth (1957)** (82766045) **1.35** I Didn't Know You Cared (3657107) **2.10** Shopping (96635942)

GRANADA PLUS

6.00am E! Uncut (7172314) **6.30** Beadle's About (6075606) **7.00** Coronation St (8728151) **7.30** Families (8747286) **8.00** *Surprise! Surprise! (5592422)* **9.00** Upstairs, Downstairs (4012642) **10.00** Mission Impossible (8736170) **11.00** The Sandbaggers (8723606) **12.00** Coronation St (5719809) **12.30pm** Families (1350828) **1.00** Blind Date (1348083) **2.00** Upstairs, Downstairs (6080915) **3.00** Beadle's About (8346480) **3.30** Surgical Spirit (7244460) ***4.00*** *Mission Impossible (3016278)* **5.00** The Sandbaggers (8337712) **6.00** Families (7240644) **6.30** Coronation St (7231996) **7.00** Blind Date (7006880) **8.00** Mission Impossible (7022828) **9.00** Coronation St *(1111642)* ***9.30*** *The Comedians (1330064)* **10.00** Prime Suspect II (7005151) **11.00** Close

William Powell, Myrna Loy in *The Thin Man* (TNT, 11.00pm)

DISNEY CHANNEL

6.00am Dumbo (49985) **6.30** Lamb Chop (25354) **7.00** Chip 'n' Dale (58712) **7.30** Quack Pack (75847) **8.00** Dinosaurs (18489) **8.30** Bonkers (68660) **9.00** Gummi Bears (91712) **9.30** Groundling Marsh *(37002)* ***10.00*** *Sesame Street (64731)* **11.00** Hunny Pot (5432460) **11.15** Rosie and Jim (4674422) **11.40** Sing Me a Story (5881903) **12.00** *Big Garage (7019002)* **12.45pm** Winnie the Pooh (25332880) **1.00** Sesame Street (36373) **2.00** Amazing Animals (4793) **2.30** Care Bears (2441) **3.00** Tale Spin (3828) **3.30** Goof Troop (4286) **4.00** Timon and Pumbaa (3793) **4.30** Aladdin (9977) **5.00** Gargoyles (8373) **5.30** Dinosaurs (3557) **6.00** Blossom (3170) **6.30** *Boy Meets World (4422)* ***7.00*** *Home* Improvement (5809) **7.30** Wonder Years (6426) **8.00 FILM: The Halfback of Notre Dame (1995)** (74606) **9.30** Home Improvement (28354) **10.00** Close

FOX KIDS NETWORK

6.00am Delfy (6872286) **6.30** *Billy the Cat* (2804118) **7.00** Pinocchio (4451847) **7.30** Power Rangers Zeo (4430354) **8.00** Beetleborgs (8042199) **8.30** Masked Rider (8034170) **9.00** Magic Box (8025422) **9.30** Dudley (6340199) **10.00** Inspector Gadget (2888170) **10.30** Samurai Pizza Cats (8021606) **11.00** Sweet Valley High (4449002) **12.00** Ace Ventura (8045286) **12.30pm** Casper (6344915) **1.00** The Tick (4450118) **1.30** Iron Man (6343286) **2.00** Fantastic Four (9515538) **2.30** Power *Rangers Zeo (1048731)* ***3.00*** *Beetleborgs* (9527373) **3.30** Masked Rider (1027248) **4.00** Ace Ventura (1039083) **4.30** Casper (1035267) **5.00** The Tick *(9539118)* ***5.30*** *X* Men (1059847) **6.00** Spiderman (1049460) **6.30** Sweet Valley High (1030712)

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Rusedski's stock soars to new high

Rusedski: rises to No 11 in world rankings

**From David Powell
in New York**

NEW YORK is the city that never sleeps. Greg Rusedski's sweatshirt said as much. If Rusedski did manage to sleep before leaving here on Concorde yesterday, it is doubtful whether he could have had a dream more improbable than his true-life experience of the past fortnight.

Rusedski reached the final of the US Open at Flushing Meadows *unseeded and having* lost in the first round three years in succession. He won his first five matches this year without dropping a set and, in his semi-final, recovered from two sets to one down, despite a throat infection.

On the eve of the tournament he supplanted Tim Henman as the British No 1 and now he can look towards the indoor season, to which his game is suited, to become the first Briton to appear in the men's world top ten since the Association of Tennis Professionals' rankings were introduced in 1973. Yesterday he was confirmed as No 11, the highest position achieved by a player representing Great Britain since Roger Taylor occupied that spot 24 years ago.

For Rusedski that represents a rise of nine places. *Henman has moved up one to* No 20. Although eliminated in the second round here, Henman gained a significant number of points for defeating Thomas Muster, the No 5 seed, in the first round.

Not since Taylor was No 15 and Mark Cox No 19 in 1974 have two British men appeared in the top 20. Rusedski has passed so many milestones in the past eight days that he might consider auditioning for the part of Dick Whittington in pantomime.

Last Monday he became the first player representing Great Britain for 13 years to reach the quarter-finals of the US Open men's singles. By Wednesday he had become the first British man for 20 years to make the semi-finals of a grand-slam singles event. By Saturday the Canadian-born player had turned 24, guaran*teed his first appearance in the* Grand Slam Cup and was standing on the threshold of providing his adopted nation with a men's singles grand-slam champion for the first time since Fred Perry in 1936.

Then, in the final, Rusedski set a world record for the speed of a service — 143mph. Pat Rafter, though, took the more tangible reward: the trophy and winner's cheque for $650,000 (around £400,000). The Australian's story was only slightly less remarkable than Rusedski's.

Rafter, 24, arrived at the tournament uncertain which way a shoulder injury would turn. Not that too many people were taking notice. Seeded No 13 and with only one tournament win during his professional career, Rafter *was paid* little attention until his fourth-round defeat of Andre Agassi.

Even then, Agassi's advice was not to back him. Could Rafter win the tournament, the former champion was asked. "No," was Agassi's unequivocal reply. By now, though, Rafter's shoulder was fine.

He had appeared in five finals this year, but lost them all. If that worried him, he disguised it well, rushing into a two-set lead in 60 minutes on Sunday. Rusedski's game was riddled with errors. Mainly it was his volleying and erratic first service that let him down, not his courage. Rusedski *played boldly to the end. It* helped him to win the third set and spared him a 4-1 deficit in the fourth. He pulled back to 4-4 before Rafter drew away again to win 6-3, 6-2, 4-6, 7-5. Rusedski was disappointed that his tennis was not up to the standard that it had reached in earlier rounds.

Rusedski was fortunate not to have faced a seed until the final, although his victories over Richard Krajicek and Jonas Bjorkman were against higher-ranked players. The damage had been done for him. In *Rusedski's half of the* draw, Goran Ivanisevic, the No 4 seed, was beaten in the first round. Pete Sampras, the top seed, was put out by Petr Korda, the No 15 seed, who, through illness, was unable to complete his quarter-final against Bjorkman.

"Everything in my game *can get better, even my serve,"* Rusedski said, echoing the view of Brian Teacher, his coach. "I am sure this will not be my first and last grand-slam final. My next goal is try to get into the top ten." That quest begins at *the* Samsung Open, in Bournemouth, to-morrow.

It is to Rusedski's credit that he should keep his commitment to Bournemouth. Physically, he has had two hard weeks and his throat was still troubling him yesterday. "It is very important to support *your home tournaments,"* he said. It may not be the city that never sleeps, but it is not so dull. One man, having won a recent competition prize to holiday anywhere in the world, selected Bournemouth. Rusedski arrives on a dream ticket as well.

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MEN'S RANKINGS

1	P Sampras (US)	4,585pts
2	M Chang (US)	3,442
3	P Rafter (Aus)	2,889
4	Y Kafelnikov (Russ)	2,693
5	C Moyà (Sp)	2,449
6	T Muster (Austria)	2,357
7	S Bruguera (Sp)	2,357
8	M Rios (Chile)	2,322
9	G Ivanisevic (Cro)	2,291
10	A Corretja (Sp)	2,284
11	G Rusedski (GB)	2,235
12	G Kuerten (Br)	2,230
13	J Bjorkman (Swe)	2,190
14	F Mantilla (Sp)	1,986
15	T Enqvist (Swe)	1,983
16	P Korda (Cz)	1,980
17	B Becker (Ger)	1,918
18	R Krajicek (Hol)	1,903
19	A Costa (Sp)	1,803
20	T Henman (GB)	1,539

Captaincy in safe keeping with Seaman

By Oliver Holt, football correspondent

THERE is a comforting sort of symbolism about a good goalkeeper, something that signifies safety, bravery, nobility and a measure of comfort in time of trouble. Yesterday, at Bisham Abbey, David Seaman was made the England captain for the game against Moldova tomorrow night and immediately everyone's instinct was that he was the right man for the job.

It will be a difficult position to fill on a night choked with emotion, a job that will be about dignity and bearing and gravity and composure as much as the traditional leader's virtues of bawling and screaming and striving to motivate the rest of the team. But, even at his captain's press conference yesterday, Seaman showed that it would be in safe hands.

This much was clear at once: he has the feeling for an occasion that will be about trying to lift the nation in some small way from the depths of its mourning, as well as trying to ensure that England overcome the also-rans of their World Cup qualifying group and press on towards their showdown with Italy in Rome next month.

He did not try to hide his delight because of the poignancy of the circumstances. Instead, the man who became a national hero during the European championship last summer and who has been cheered at grounds around the country since, said that it would be an even greater honour that what is likely to be his only appearance as his country's captain should come on a night that will be charged with emotion, a night that will be forever linked to the memory of Diana, Princess of Wales.

If hard facts are the only reference point, then Seaman will be England captain tomorrow purely because of injuries to Alan Shearer, Tony Adams and Teddy Sheringham and the suspension of Paul Ince.

The more he talked yesterday, though, the more it seemed that his own circumstances and sensitivities had pushed him forward, the right man at the right time.

"I lost my future mother-in-law three weeks ago," Seaman said, "so it had been a difficult month anyway for my fiancée and I and things were just getting better. It had already made me realise just how deeply you can be affected by that sort of loss and the last few days have been very sombre.

"It is hard to find a way to show your respect but I went down to Harrods to sign the book of condolence there and I went to Kensington Palace. I was just glad to have a chance to go there, to see what it means to everybody and to share in that.

"Against that backdrop, Wednesday is going to be very hard for all of us but I do not want to use it as an excuse and we can't. We have got a serious job to do. The worst time is going to be leading up to the kick-off. Hopefully, after that we can get the atmosphere back to something more akin to Euro 96."

Seaman has gone through the gamut of emotions at Wembley over the years, saving England in the penalty *shoot-out against Spain last* summer, failing to save them against Germany, even standing out on the pitch in the rain at a Rod Stewart concert. Tomorrow night, though, will be a new experience even for him.

"I know it is going to be hard for everyone until after the national anthem," Seaman said, "but then we just have to be professional. As far as being captain goes, I have never experienced it for England so I don't really know what to expect.

"Hopefully, I have got the respect of the rest of the team but as captain I need to use my experience to calm the young*sters down. I won't be playing* any differently. Of course I'll be organising people but I am not a ranter and raver. Hopefully, I won't be doing much shouting anyway because the ball will be down the other end."

DARREN WALSH

Seaman, who will lead England at Wembley tomorrow, in training yesterday

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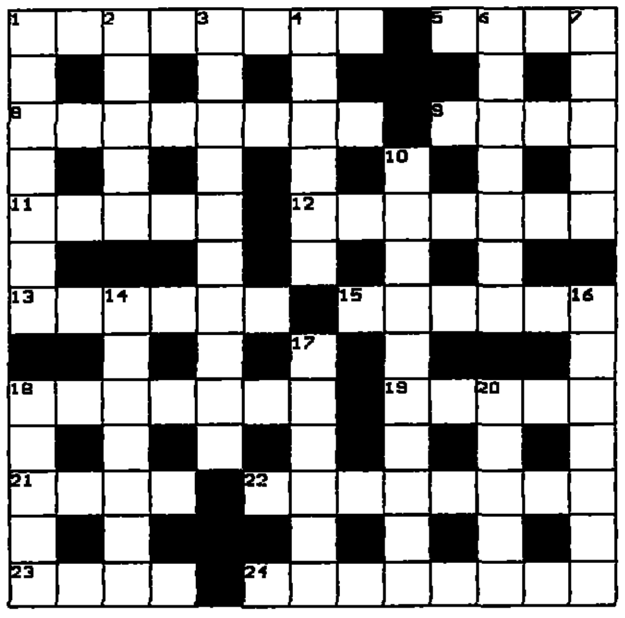

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England hope to strike right chord

By Matt Dickinson

THE unique responsibilities on the England football team tomorrow night were perfectly summed up yesterday when Glenn Hoddle, the coach, spent as much time discussing Wembley's pre-match choice of music — Elton John or Skinner and Baddiel — as his own choice of captain, David Seaman, the Arsenal goalkeeper. What began as a World Cup qualifying match against Moldova has assumed greater importance as an occasion, and finding the correct balance between a celebration and a wake is occupying minds within the Football Association every bit as much as taking three points.

Hoddle has challenged his team to lift the country's morale and they took the first step yesterday by agreeing to make a collective contribution to the Diana, Princess of Wales, memorial fund. Each player is expected to donate the equivalent of his match fee, around £1,500.

The England coach then further raised the spirits by revealing that Seaman will captain the side. The Yorkshireman, appointed MBE after Euro 96, is respected even by opposing fans, and his calm authority is perfectly suited to an occasion when impeccable behaviour will come a close second to the priority of victory.

"Once Teddy Sheringham dropped out with injury, David went straight into my thoughts," Hoddle said. "He is calm and very laid-back off the pitch, but a totally different animal between the sticks, where he is very committed. With the tragedy of last week, it could be a very emotional evening. We need a strong leader to cope with that, and I am 100 per cent sure David can."

The players will wear black ribbons pinned over their hearts and observe a minute's silence after the national anthems. David Davies, the FA's director of public affairs, confirmed yesterday that Elton John had been invited to perform his tribute song to the Princess, but he had to decline because of prior engagements. The England camp is still keen for the song to be played, though, while appreciating that juxtaposing it with the now familiar Wembley refrain of *Three Lions* may offend some sensibilities.

Hoddle said: "Many people had to go back to work on Monday morning after the events of last week and we have to get back to work on Wednesday night. We are all aware of the tragedy, but there is business to be done and, for 90 minutes, we must think like that."

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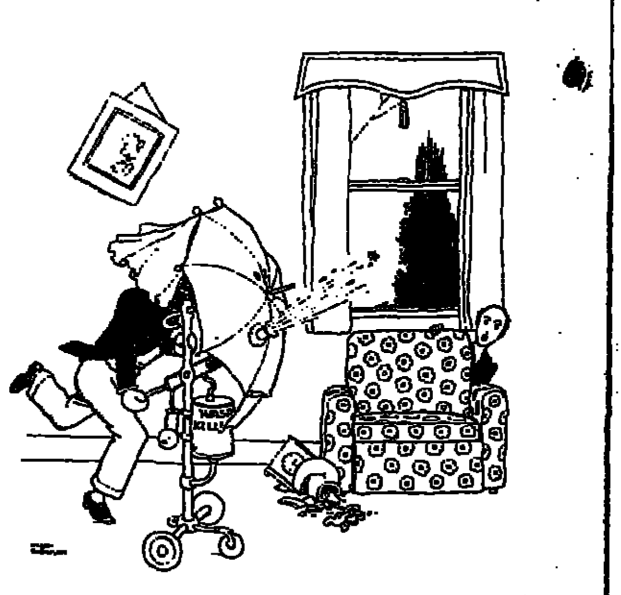

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Counties granted two-division option

**By Alan Lee
cricket correspondent**

THE opportunity of an authentic, progressive, two-divisional cricket championship will, after all, be put to the first-class counties at their decisive meeting next Monday. So too, however, will the chance to pull back from advancement and settle for a fudge.

Nothing could better have demonstrated the dilemma facing the executives of the England and Wales Cricket Board (ECB) than the complicated series of alternatives put up yesterday. The future of the county championship has become the principal issue of the plan presented recently by Lord MacLaurin of Knebworth.

What does seem certain is that the original plan for a championship run in three equal conferences with end-of-season *play-offs* will *be rejected*. The counties are sure to be more attracted to one of the two alternatives announced yesterday. The first and most logical is for three teams to be promoted and relegated each year, with a new national one-day league, also in two competitive divisions but reduced from the proposed 25 games to 16. Some counties, however, may be more drawn towards a second amendment, which involves the championship remaining precisely as it is now, but entry to another, abbreviated one-day knockout event, plainly designed for TV and with an inflated title of the Super Cup, being granted to the top eight clubs.

Tim Lamb, chief executive of the ECB, said: "There are advantages to keeping an all-play-all championship, not least that it preserves the family of cricket, while the arguments in favour of promotion and relegation are well documented. The counties now have three choices — we are hoping they do not consider the status quo to be a fourth — and it will go through on a straight majority."